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"I think we both know that the competition is against the dictionary and not against each other."

— Sirram Hathwar, who shared the top prize in the Scripps National Spelling Bee with Ansun Sujoe

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MILITARY

Assault victim gets disability benefits

After long battle with VA, woman raped while in Navy receives \$405K, apology

By KEVIN MILLER
Portland (Maine) Press Herald

A Navy veteran who became a national figure in the fight to help survivors of military sexual assault learned Thursday that she will receive \$405,000 in retroactive disability benefits, ending a decadeslong battle with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Ruth Moore, 45, of Milbridge, was told by a VA representative that the department had made a "clear and unmistakable error" — an official VA classification — in denying her benefits for physical and emotional trauma she suffered after being raped while in the Navy more than 20 years ago.

Moore said the news brought relief and a "sense of peace," but also affirmation because the VA admitted it hadn't considered her medical and military records dating to 1993 — an acknowledgment that she hopes will pave the way for long-standing claims filed by thousands of other military sexual assault survivors. Moore said she will use part of the \$405,000 to start a nonprofit — called Internity — dedicated to helping sexual assault survivors "recover their humanity" and rebuild hope.

"The fact that really hit me the hardest is that they apologized," Moore said by telephone Thursday evening. "It was like, 'Holy cow. Finally, finally someone lis-

tened to me.'"

Moore was raped twice by a superior officer — the second time in retaliation for reporting the first rape — while she was stationed in The Azores islands with the Navy. She said she was discharged on a false mental illness diagnosis and never received proper treatment from the military for the sexual assault.

Moore subsequently struggled with depression, anxiety disorders, homelessness and physical ailments tied to the incident, but was continually denied benefits. She was granted partial benefits several years ago without retroactive compensation.

After decades of silence, Moore went public in 2012 after contacting the office of Maine Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-1st District. Moore first told her story to Maine media and then testified to a congressional subcommittee examining why so many victims of "military sexual trauma," or MST, were unable to qualify for VA disability benefits.

A year later, Moore lent her

name to a bill sponsored by Pingree that aimed to make it easier for veterans and servicemembers to qualify for benefits for post traumatic stress disorder and other disabilities tied to sexual assault. The bill passed the House but has yet to be taken up in the Senate.

Meanwhile, the VA has revisited some sexual assault cases amid scrutiny on Capitol Hill over sexual assault in the military. Pingree's office has helped several veterans, including Moore, receive more than \$900,000 in retroactive benefits during the past two years. Moore and Pingree also credited workers at the Togus VA Hospital in Augusta for helping with her appeal.

"The money is important, of course, but for survivors of MST the acknowledgment that the VA has listened to them and believes them is incredibly important," Pingree said in a written statement. "These veterans served our country and if they are suffering from PTSD because of a sexual assault while they were

in uniform, we owe them disability benefits. Unfortunately, MST claims haven't always been handled properly and sometimes that's where we have to step in."

Pingree spokeswoman Willy Ritch said the VA has granted retroactive benefits to other veterans, but it is unusual for the department to acknowledge a "clear and unmistakable error" in reviewing the claims that his office has handled.

Pingree is married to S. Donald Sussman, majority-share owner of MaineToday Media Inc., which publishes the Portland Press Herald, Kennebec Journal and Morning Sentinel.

The Service Women's Action Network estimates that fewer than one-third of benefits claims for PTSD caused by sexual assault were approved by the VA, compared with more than 53 percent of PTSD claims overall. The Defense Department estimates that as many as one in four women in the military will be sexually abused or assaulted.

The number of sexual assaults reported by members of the military has risen in recent years, a trend that observers say is at least partly because servicemembers are more willing to report incidents. But groups involved in the issue insist that the vast majority of assaults still go unreported, largely because of concerns about retaliation or distrust of the military's judicial process.

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victim of sexual assault

2 former Army soldiers admit to laundering Afghan bribes

By BRETT BARROUQUERE
AND ADRIAN SAINZ
The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Two former Army soldiers have pleaded guilty to accepting about \$250,000 in bribes from contractors in Afghanistan and shipping the cash back to the United States to be laundered through a landscaping business.

Former 1st Sgt. Jimmy W. Dennis, 44, of Clarksville, Tenn., and James C. Pittman, 45, of Rossville, Ga., told judges during separate

hearings that they took the money in exchange for steering work to favored Afghan contractors. They face up to 20 years in prison when they are sentenced in September.

The guilty pleas are the latest cases to arise from bribery allegations involving U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan. At least six other soldiers have pleaded guilty and been sentenced to prison, including four in Colorado and two from Fort Campbell, Ky.

Dennis and Pittman were also stationed at Fort Campbell. Dennis was assigned to the Humanitar-

ian Aid Yard at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan from March 2008 through March 2009. He said he mailed packages of \$80,000 to \$100,000 in toy trucks and a chest to a family member in Mississippi. It was then sent to Pittman, a one-time Army friend who laundered it through his landscaping company in Tennessee.

Pittman told a judge in Chattanooga, Tenn., on May 15 that he would cut payroll checks with the funds.

The family member in Mississippi is listed only as co-conspirator.

nor No. 1 in court documents and has not been charged.

As part of a plea agreement, Dennis will forfeit \$250,000, two Harley-Davidson motorcycles and a sport utility vehicle. Pittman will give up nearly \$90,000 in cash.

Dennis served 20 years in the Army before being discharged in 2010. Court records list Pittman as a former soldier stationed at Fort Campbell but do not give any details about his military service.

Dennis is scheduled for sentencing Sept. 4. Pittman's hearing is set for Sept. 8.

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U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, left, poses with his Japanese counterpart, Itsunori Onodera, right, and his Australian counterpart, David Johnston, before the start of their meeting Friday in Singapore.

Japan, US to increase Asia security

By ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

SINGAPORE — Japan and the United States are increasing trilateral support to “like-minded nations,” including Southeast Asian nations involved in sea disputes with China, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said Friday during his keynote address at the Shangri-La Dialogue, also known as the Asia Security Summit.

Although Abe barely mentioned China by name, his criticism of Beijing’s actions was unmistakable.

Abe chastised any attempts to change the status quo through “force and coercion” — a reference to China’s recent skirmish with Vietnam that ended with a sunken Vietnamese ship, as well as to attempts by China to regulate waters within the Philippines’ claimed exclusive economic zone.

The prime minister also indirectly criticized China’s declaration last year of an air defense identification zone directly over the Japan-administered Senkaku Islands, which Japanese officials said resulted in Chinese fighters flying within 100 feet of Japanese surveillance planes recently.

“What the world eagerly awaits is for our

seas and our skies to be governed by the rule of law,” Abe said.

Abe announced that he had spoken recently to new India Prime Minister Narendra Modi about increasing security ties. He added that he had visited each of the 10 countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and found much common ground on matters of security.

“President Obama and I mutually confirmed that the U.S. and Japan are strengthening trilateral cooperation with like-minded partners to promote peace,” Abe said.

Japan has already agreed to provide 10 new patrol vessels to the Philippine Coast Guard, three ships to Indonesia and is moving forward to provide Vietnam with ships and expertise.

China stakes a claim to nearly 90 percent of the South China Sea largely on the basis of what it deems historical discovery. The claims extend to several island groups, along with valuable energy and fisheries resources in nearby waters that are claimed by their militarily weaker neighbors.

Chinese efforts to block access to those waters have drawn criticism from both Japan and the United States.

The Chinese also claim that the Senkaku Islands, called the Diaoyutai by the Chinese, were ceded to them along with Taiwan following Japan’s World War II defeat. However, the territories were not named explicitly in the 1952 Treaty of San Francisco.

Although the United States does not take an official position on the Senkakus’ sovereignty, President Barack Obama confirmed during a visit to Japan in April that the U.S. is sworn to defend an attack on the Senkakus under the terms of the U.S.-Japan military alliance, making the uninhabited islands a potential global flash point.

Abe repeated several times that all nations should respect the “rule of law” during barely veiled criticisms of China’s behavior over Senkaku and other territories. However, he stopped short of agreeing to file an international court claim on Senkaku while answering a question following his speech.

Senkaku is an “inherent part of Japan,” and perhaps China should file a court claim if it believes differently, he said.

“China is the one challenging the status quo,” Abe said. “Japan effectively controls Senkaku.”

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House panel snubs DOD on spending measure

By DONNA CASSATA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon faces election-year roadblocks in persuading Congress to back cost-saving defense cuts as the military moves away from robust wartime budgets.

The House panel that decides defense spending came out with a \$570 billion blueprint Thursday that spurs the USS George Washington aircraft carrier, gives military personnel a 1.8 percent pay raise and rebuffs Pentagon efforts to make troops and their families pay slightly more for housing and groceries at on-base commissaries.

The spending bill echoes the broad defense policy bill that the House overwhelmingly passed last week that saves ships and aircraft despite pleas from senior military officers for the reductions. It also reflects lawmakers’ reluctance to trim personnel benefits for military personnel and their families amid increasing questions about the health care provided to veterans.

Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on defense, said the bill provides the Pentagon and intelligence agencies “with the resources needed to maintain and modernize the best equipped and most capable military in the world today and in the future.”

Military leaders have warned that sparing what they consider to be parochial programs will undermine their ability to train soldiers, sailors and airmen to fight. But lawmakers are determined to protect favorite weapons.

The Pentagon had sought a more modest 1 percent pay raise and a slight increase in out-of-pocket costs for housing and food, citing skyrocketing costs of personnel benefits.

The bill also bars the transfer to the U.S. of suspected terrorists held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. President Barack Obama has tried to close the facility since his inauguration more than five years ago.

The subcommittee was expected to approve the bill Friday. To pay for the changes, the panel cut the operations and maintenance account by \$1.4 billion from the Obama administration’s request.

The bill covers the core defense budget of \$491 billion plus \$79.4 billion for conflicts in Afghanistan and elsewhere.



Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Congress has rejected a Pentagon proposal to slash subsidies to base supermarkets from \$1.4 billion to \$400 million annually.

Officer relieved of command after Marine drowns

By TONY PERRY
Los Angeles Times

SAN DIEGO — A Marine major in charge of a swimming training program at Camp Pendleton has been relieved of his command after an investigation into the drowning of a private first class concluded that the major had allowed unsafe conditions.

A Marine Corps investigation said Maj. Adam Burch had placed too high a value on having each Marine finish the training while he was commanding officer of the Reconnaissance Training Co., which includes swim training, and not enough significance on insuring their safety.

Pvt. 1st Class Joshua Islam, 18, of Union City, N.C., drowned Jan. 13 after refusing to quit during the training.

“(Islam) continuously said, ‘I can’t, I can’t,’ but the swimming instructors answered back, ‘Do you quit?’” the Marine Corps Times reported. The newspaper received a copy of the investigation report

under the Freedom of Information Act.

Islam refused to quit and instead entered the pool to continue attempting to meet the standards, according to the report. Exhausted, he came to the side of the pool and collapsed, the report said.

Islam’s father, James Islam, told the newspaper that his son was determined to succeed in everything he did.

“He loved the idea of being challenged to his physical and mental limits,” he said. “In so many ways, that makes him perfect for a recon Marine.”

Included in the investigation report was a memo by Col. Stefan Bien, commander of the School of Infantry West at Camp Pendleton.

“It is my opinion the instructors ... were so focused on technical instruction of (Islam) and wanting him to succeed ... they were unable to recognize and were unable to assimilate due to lack of knowledge, the signs of instinctive drowning re-

sponse,” he wrote.

Burch was relieved of command by Brig. Gen. John Simmons, commanding general of the Training Command, based at Quantico, Va.

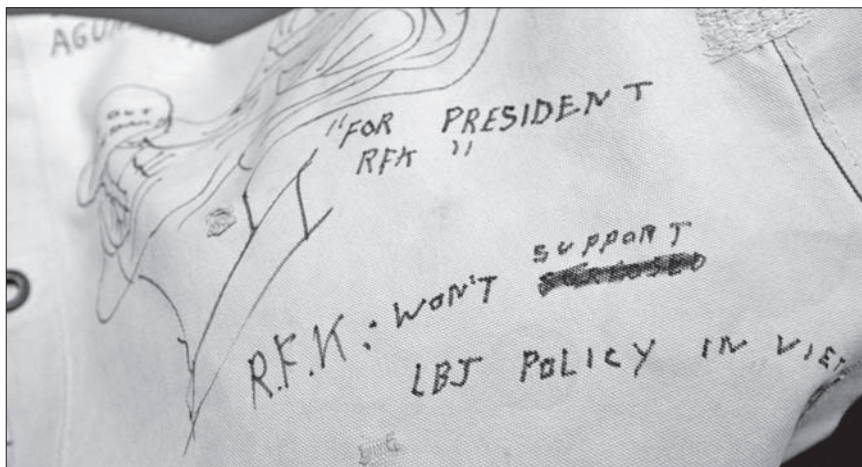
As a result of the drowning and investigation, several changes have been made in the swimming program, a Marine spokesman said.

Specific rules are being established to determine when training should be halted for safety reasons. Periodic “safety stand-downs” will be held. And all commanding officers and senior non-commissioned officers will be required to take a safety course.

Instructors will be trained on how to distinguish between “aquatic distress” and “instinctive drowning response,” the spokesman said.

“The death of Pvt. 1st Class Islam was a tragedy for his family and for the Marine Corps,” Simmons said.

MILITARY



TIMOTHY C. WILSON/For The Washington Post

An example of bunk bed graffiti created by Vietnam-bound soldiers aboard a Navy ship, the General Nelson M. Walker, which was anchored in Virginia's James River near Fort Eustis before it was destroyed in 2005. The graffiti, shown here in Charlottesville, Va., has been made into a traveling exhibit for the Smithsonian Institution.

A time capsule in graffiti

Soldiers' scrawls gave voice to their hopes and fears on the way to Vietnam

By SUSAN SVRLUGA

The Washington Post

Military historian Art Beltrone found the graffiti by chance. He and a filmmaker had received permission to board the rusty old troop ship anchored in Virginia's James River. They climbed steps up from a tugboat, crossed the gangplank to open the door and found — a time capsule.

Orange life vests sat atop each bunk, still at the ready. There were notices pinned to the bulletin board, dated 1967.

"It was as though the men had just left," said Lee Beltrone, Art's wife. "Papers left on desks, dirty dishes in the galley."

The graffiti was scrawled on the undersides of the canvas, quadruple-decker bunks: names and hometowns of young men headed to war in Vietnam, peace symbols, song lyrics, drawings of girlfriends and calendars counting down the days until they could go back home.

Since that chance discovery, the Beltrones have worked to find and save those long-lost voices — and give new voice to Vietnam veterans.

For some troops who returned to the shouts of protesters rather than victory parades, answering Art Beltrone's questions was the first time they have talked about what was going through their minds as they sailed off to war.

Soldiers such as Jim Hardy remembered lying in the cramped rack of the General Nelson M. Walker as the nights got hotter and hotter, reading the graffiti other soldiers had written overhead. He was 20 years old, young enough to think he could laugh off the fear of what lay ahead.

Learning that the scribbles had been saved "was like finding an old friend," Hardy said recently. "A warm feeling, to find that people care about what happened."

Over the years, the Virginia Founda-



tion for the Humanities, where the radio show "With Good Reason" is produced, provided some of the money and equipment needed to record interviews with the veterans. A selection of the men's stories is being broadcast on the radio show this week, punctuated by old recordings of songs strummed on cheap guitars for sweethearts back home, and tears shed for those who never returned.

The stories preserve the memories of those who fought in the war, to make it real for all those who didn't.

On those three-week journeys to Vietnam, space was so tight that men had to climb out of their bunks just to roll over into a different position. The underside of each bunk lay just inches from the face of the man below, a ready canvas for his thoughts. There were drawings. There was



Photos courtesy of The Vietnam Graffiti Project

Vietnam Graffiti Project volunteers collect artifacts from the troopship General Nelson M. Walker during the ship's scrapping in 2005. Left, an original 8-man berthing unit, complete with original sheets, pillows and life vests.

shorthand: USMC. LSD. LBJ all the way.

Some graffiti was coarse. Some was eloquent. One man adapted the lyrics to a folk song to directly address his shipmates: "You're the one who must decide who's to live and who's to die/ You're the one who gives your body as a weapon of the war — and without you all this killing can't go on."

Another remembered, almost exactly, William Shakespeare's "Sonnet 29," in which the poet curses his lonely fate, then comforts himself: "For thy sweet love remember'd such wealth brings/ That then I scorn to change my state with kings." Zeb Armstrong, a newwed from Clover, S.C., wrote: "Billie Armstrong, my dear wife." He mentioned the cafe where they used to dance to the jukebox on summer nights.

And he wrote: "Will I return???"

The graffiti was a singular form of expression, Beltrone thinks; not meant for the public, the way most graffiti might be, but not private like a diary. It was written for the eyes of other troops headed to the

same war.

Beltrone served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from 1963 to 1969; his wife's brother served three tours in Vietnam. Several times, Beltrone's unit was ordered to pack their bags because they, too, were going to Southeast Asia. Each time, they stood down.

"They went. I didn't have to go," Beltrone said. "If there was some way we could recognize their service, I felt that was something we should do."

The Beltrones asked for permission to save the canvases, taking possession of some 350 of them before the Walker, which had been berthed near Fort Eustis, just north of Newport News, was destroyed in 2005. The couple donated some of the bunks to military museums, the Smithsonian and the Library of Congress.

They began searching for the men who had written on them and founded a nonprofit called the Vietnam Graffiti Project to preserve and make available what they learned.

VA SCANDAL

Shinseki resigns, calls problems 'systemic'

By JON HARPER
AND TRAVIS TRITTEN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Friday accepted the resignation of Veteran Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki.

The move comes two days after the inspector general found VA officials throughout the system had been aware of records falsified to hide long delays before veterans could receive care.

Earlier Friday, Shinseki said senior leadership at the Phoenix VA will be fired and executive pay bonuses frozen as punishment for systemic scheduling abuses in the nationwide health care system.

The moves were among a series of initiatives — including the removal of wait times in employee evaluations and support of legislation that removes administrative roadblocks to firing executives — unveiled by Shinseki during a rare public appearance in Washington in his resignation.

Congress has called for firings and bold moves by VA leadership. On Friday, Shinseki offered an apology for what he called a "systemic, totally unacceptable lack of integrity" in his department. He also explained the lack of integrity among some of the leaders of our health care facilities. This is something I rarely encountered in 38 years in uniform," Shinseki said. "So I will not defend it because it is indefensible. But I can take responsibility for it, and I do."

The embattled secretary, a four-star general who was wounded in Vietnam and appointed by the Obama administration to head the VA in 2009, said he was misled by staff who told him scheduling abuses were isolated to Phoenix.



CHRIS CARROLL/Stars and Stripes

Shortly before his resignation was announced, Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki speaks at a veterans homelessness conference in Washington, D.C., on Friday.

"I no longer believe it is systemic," said Shinseki, who spoke at a veteran homelessness conference. "I was too trusting of some."

The problems in Phoenix came to light in April after whistleblowers revealed to media outlets that hospital staff at the VA hospital there were using secret, off-the-books waiting lists to hide the long waits that veterans seeking care were experiencing. The scheme was an effort to boost job performance evaluations, which affected employee awards and salary increases. Dozens of veterans reportedly died while awaiting care. The shocking revelations led the VA to launch a wide-ranging probe to see if the problem was more widespread.

During its investigation, the IG discovered that 1,700 veterans — 54 percent — seeking primary care in Phoenix were not added to official electronic waiting lists until shortly before they could be seen by medical staff. It also found that 84 percent of veterans surveyed waited an average of 115 days for their first primary-care appointment — far longer than the 14 days required by a recently enacted VA rule that was meant to improve access to care and reduce wait times. The probe revealed that the deceptive scheduling practice was occurring at other VA facilities across the country.

Last week, White House spokesman Jay Carney said Obama still had "confidence" in Shinseki's

leadership despite the scandal.

But following the release Wednesday of the damning IG report, a growing chorus of lawmakers on Capitol Hill called for Shinseki to step down.

Shinseki has defended his record as head of the VA, saying he was kept in the dark about the VA's practices until the scandal broke.

"It is alarming that Secretary Shinseki either wasn't aware of these systemic problems, or wasn't forthcoming in his communications with Congress about them. Either way, it is clear to me that new leadership is needed at the VA," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said in a press release after the report was released.

The American Legion called on him to resign, although most major veterans' service organizations have stood by Shinseki following the embarrassing disclosures. A poll conducted by CBS News last week before the IG report was released, suggested 42 percent of veterans believed he should resign.

On Thursday, as the political tide turned against Shinseki, Carney dodged reporters' questions about whether Obama still had confidence in the VA chief. On Friday, the fix came down, despite Shinseki indicating earlier in the day that he wanted to stay on as head of the department.

Shinseki took over the VA in 2009 at the beginning of the Obama administration following a 38-year career as an Army officer. Shinseki is a Vietnam combat veteran who had to have part of his foot amputated after he stepped on a land mine. Shinseki retired from the military in 2003 as a four-star general after serving as Army chief of staff — the service's top position.

Obama praised Shinseki's career of public service, including his leadership of the VA.

"Under his leadership, we have seen more progress on more fronts at the VA and a bigger investment in the VA than just about any other VA secretary," Obama said.

He noted that under Shinseki's watch, the VA enrolled 2 million new veterans in health care; provided disability pay to Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange; made it easier for veterans with post-traumatic stress, mental health issues and traumatic brain injury to get treatment; helped cut veteran homelessness by 24 percent; and made sure that there were facilities for women veterans to receive the specialized services that they needed.

Sloan Gibson, who was serving as deputy secretary of the VA, has been named interim secretary. Gibson graduated from West Point and served as an infantry officer. Before joining the VA, he was president of the GAO, or the GAO. Obama acknowledged that political pressure influenced his decision to replace Shinseki.

"We occupy not just an environment that calls for management fixes. We've also got to deal with Congress and the press. And I think it's clear that the judgment that he could not carry out the next stages of reform without being a distraction himself. ... My assessment was, unfortunately, that he was right," Obama said during a press conference when he announced Shinseki's resignation.

"We don't have time for distractions," Obama said. "We need to fix the problem."

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Quiet leadership not enough in the face of VA's widespread issues

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki has long endured criticism for being too quiet as a leader who wasn't out front on important issues.

That demeanor, and those criticisms, might well have contributed to his resignation.

Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, has been among the harshest critics of Shinseki and the VA. On Friday, he called Shinseki an "honorable man" but said he deserved to be removed from the department.

Shinseki's tenure "will forever be tainted by a pervasive lack of accountability among poorly performing VA employees and managers, apparent in widespread fraud and abuse, medical center officials and an unparalleled lack of transparency with Congress, the public and the press," Miller said in a statement.

In testimony last week on secret waiting lists, generally poor care at VA facilities and a lack of accountability at every level, Shinseki showed none of the fire lawmakers had hoped to see from a

man who said he was "mad as hell" about the unfolding revelations.

The Boston Globe has called him "a quiet leader at a time when veterans need a persistent public nuisance." Time magazine said his reticence shows "he lacks the creativity and leadership skills" needed for his post.

The Vietnam War veteran disagreed.

"I'm not somebody easily frustrated," he told Stars and Stripes in 2013. "I know what I have to do. And what I have to do is serve veterans better than they're being served today."

Promises and progress

Shinseki, 71, took over as VA secretary amid President Barack Obama's promises to end the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and to bring tens of thousands of new veterans back home.

Obama's first 100 days included three bold mandates for Shinseki: End the benefits backlog, end veteran homelessness and enable seamless sharing of medical records between the defense and veterans affairs departments.

On the homelessness front, outreach efforts have pulled about

15,000 veterans off the streets in recent years. According to a 2013 annual report by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, while there has been a 25 percent reduction in the ranks of homeless veterans, some 57,000 remain.

VA officials insisted in 2013 that they would have seamless sharing of basic medical records between DOD and the VA in place by the end of the year. But Shinseki and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel were on Capitol Hill on May 20 briefing senators — they have yet to create the system prescribed by Congress in 2008.

On the benefits backlog, the VA reported March 31 that the number of claims in processing for more than 125 days had dropped to 344,000, compared with a high of about 611,000 in March 2013, though veterans groups have at times expressed doubts about how the numbers are tabulated.

These issues and the report out on the Phoenix VA that perhaps 40 veterans died after being put on a secret waiting list moved the American Legion to call for Shinseki, along with two top lieutenants, to resign.

Support among vets

Leaders from the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans had been outspoken in their support for Shinseki, calling him the most responsive and focused VA administrator in recent memory. DAV officials labeled the top VA post "the most thankless job in Washington" and noted that Shinseki has "dedicated his life to military service," even in his post-military life.

Shinseki acknowledged to Stars and Stripes that he and the department haven't done a good job persuading outsiders to adopt that optimism.

When asked about his role as a nationwide voice for veterans, he deferred. "Could I do this better? Absolutely. I'm not an expert on this."

That point is not lost on many of his critics, who ask whether an accomplished soldier, even one dedicated to his job, is the best choice as CEO of an enormous health care system.

"I serve at the pleasure of the president," Shinseki said when asked that question by Stars and Stripes, and he repeated that response to Congress at his grilling on May 22.

Clearly, the president has decided to make a change.

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Marine Corps announces funny-video contest

By JON HARPER

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps is calling on active duty Marines and sailors to participate in its "Devil Dogs of Comedy" video contest, in which they can win a variety of valuable prizes.

The purpose of the contest is "to provide a successful and sustainable comedic video contest to showcase the talent of Marines and sailors and to foster unit cohesion through competition that builds teamwork, camaraderie and unit pride," according to the MARADMIN announcement.

"Over the past few years, the

Marines have expressed a desire to have more entertainment and competition," Michael Brown, a Single Marine Program and Recreation center specialist, said in a statement posted on the contest website. "We are trying to bring some fun to Marines and Sailors any way we can. Getting a good laugh can be a great way to ease stress."

Each video submitted may include up to six Marines or sailors from the same unit performing a 10- to 30-second skit. The performances will be judged based on creativity, originality, teamwork and comedic value. A Headquar-

ters Marine Corps Single Marine Program judging panel will select up to 25 finalists from the submissions. The finalists will then be voted on by the general public to determine the winners.

The team that wins the grand prize will receive \$5,000 toward their unit funds to support single Marines, and each of the participants from the winning team will receive a free Dell Alienware laptop. Each member of the second-place team will get a \$100 gift card that they can use at Marine Corps exchanges.

Interested Marines and sailors can enter the contest by uploading

their skits to YouTube to create a URL, and then copying and pasting the URL into the Devil Dogs of Comedy video contest text field on the www.Leatherneck.com website.

The Marine Corps said the videos must be "appropriate and conform to acceptable standards of decency, decorum and good taste based on Marine Corps values and morals."

A complete list of rules and instructions may be found at www.Leatherneck.com.

The contest entry period has already begun, and will end June 27. Public voting will begin on July

28 and end Aug. 8. The winners will be announced at the "For the Leathernecks III" event at Camp Lejeune, N.C., on Aug. 22.

The competition is being overseen by the HQMC Single Marine Program, and is being sponsored by Leatherneck.com, Axe, Dell, MCX, and DSTRESS.

If the contest proves to be popular, there may be more.

"If Marines like this contest, they should let their leadership know and we will try to do more of these kinds of events in the future," Brown said.

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Family's farewell

Spc. Wesley Freeman, center rear, is embraced, from left, by father Bo, mother Carla, girlfriend Christie McCarron and sister Leigh Poe, hidden, as he says goodbye before roll call on Thursday, the eve of the deployment to Afghanistan of his unit, the Georgia National Guard 876th Vertical Engineering Company, in Toccoa, Ga.

Loss of danger pay in some areas to start

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — A car payment. A couple of weeks's worth of groceries. A month of utilities.

That's about how much some 44,000 servicemembers deployed around the globe will lose from their paychecks starting Monday, when imminent danger pay is decertified for 22 locations. IDP is worth up to \$225 per month, depending on how long troops spend in danger zones.

The Defense Department periodically makes changes to IDP, and did so most recently in 2011. The new cuts to the IDP list will save \$108 million, the Pentagon said when it announced the cuts in January.

Servicemembers can expect to see the first reduction in their mid-June paychecks, DOD officials said.

The following land areas and the airspace above them were decertified: Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Montenegro, Saudi Arabia and Serbia.

The following land areas were

decertified: East Timor, Haiti, Liberia, Oman, Rwanda, Tajikistan, United Arab Emirates, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

The following sea areas were decertified: the Arabian Sea, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman, the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf (including the airspace above the Persian Gulf).

The following areas were re-certified for IDP: Afghanistan (including airspace), Algeria, Azerbaijan, Burundi, Chad, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Greece (Athens only), Indonesia, Iran, Iraq (including airspace), Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya (including airspace), Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Somalia (including airspace), Sudan (including airspace), Syria, Tunisia (including airspace), Turkey, Uganda, Yemen, Mediterranean Sea, and Somalia Basin.

Not all areas certified for IDP, such as Syria and Iran, currently have U.S. troops serving there.

Woman says she played dead in Alaska bear attack

By RACHEL D'ORO
The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Jessica Gamboa grew up hearing you should play dead during a bear attack, and she put that knowledge to the ultimate test when she ran into a brown bear on the grounds of a military base.

The bear knocked Gamboa down, then picked her up and threw her to the ground. The bear went on to pummel Gamboa several times more with her powerful paws.

Throughout the May 18 attack, Gamboa lay in a fetal position and remained silent.

That action likely saved her life. "I actually can't even believe this actually really happened," Gamboa, 25, said in a videotaped interview released by the Army

on Thursday. "It seems still surreal, just for the fact that I'm still alive — seems unreal."

In the interview taped Tuesday at her hospital bed, Gamboa said she surrendered herself to the bear during the attack at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage after she encountered the animal and her two cubs. Gamboa, of Sacramento, Calif., is married to a soldier assigned at the base to the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division.

The Army also released an interview with Sgt. Collin Gillikin, a combat medic from Rockford, Mich., who rescued her after the mauling, which left Gamboa with lacerations to her neck, arms and legs, a torn ear and neck fractures. Her neck wound is visible



Provided by the U.S. Army

Bear attack survivor Jessica Gamboa speaks Tuesday at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

in the video.
Mark Sledge, senior conservation law enforcement officer at

the base, said he knows of only one other close encounter with a bear. In 2010, a black bear gnawed a child's leg without breaking the skin when a group of children saw it and played dead. The animal ran off when a girl yelled at it, Sledge said. In that case, playing dead was the wrong thing to do because the bear had not taken an offensive action before the children lay down.

But Gamboa responded just as she should have, said Sledge, who participates in briefings introducing newly arrived J-BER servicemembers to life in Alaska, including dealing with bears and moose.

"All that saw was worried about was the protection of her babies," Sledge said.

The day of the attack, Gamboa

and her husband, Jacob, were jogging at the sprawling base when they became separated.

Gamboa was about 20 minutes into her run when she saw a cub on the side of the road. She immediately knew the mother bear had to be around. Sure enough, there it was, trotting toward her. She also saw the second cub.

It all happened so fast, she's not sure if she was being bitten or lashed. She remembers the snow knocked her down, picked her up and carried her to the side of the road where the cubs were. The bear flopped her down onto a grassy embankment and pummeled her, paused and attacked two more times while Gamboa lay curled in a fetal position. She didn't scream or fight.

And then the bear left.

NATION

US outbreak of measles is worst in 20 years

By TONY PUGH

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — After declaring in 2000 that measles had been eliminated from the U.S. through a successful vaccination program, government officials now say the number of confirmed cases has reached a 20-year high as people who get the disease abroad bring it back to America.

Unvaccinated residents in the U.S. and foreign visitors who traveled to the Philippines, Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific are the main culprits in a growing spike of measles cases in this country that began several years ago and exploded this year.

To date, 288 cases have been reported in 18 states, the highest year-to-date total since 1994, when 963 cases were reported by year's end.

The overwhelming majority of U.S. cases are among people who have chosen to go unvaccinated for personal, religious or philosophical reasons, said Dr. Anne Schuchat, director of the National Center for Immunizations and Respiratory Diseases at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In Ohio alone, 138 cases have been linked to Amish communities where several members had traveled to the Philippines, which is experiencing its own measles outbreak with more than 32,000 cases and 42 deaths this year, Schuchat said.

Fifteen outbreaks, involving three or more related cases, have occurred in places like New York City and in California, where six outbreaks were reported in six counties. Forty-three people have been hospitalized nationally, but no deaths have yet been reported, she said.

Health officials are urging people to get vaccinated for measles, especially prior to international travel.

A highly contagious, viral, respiratory disease that grows in cells at the back of the throat and lungs, measles is spread through the air by coughing, sneezing and even breathing. It can cause fever and cold-like symptoms, along with a stubborn body rash.

About 10 percent of children who get the disease also get ear infections and about 5 percent develop pneumonia. About one in 1,000 measles patients contracts encephalitis, and one or two out of 1,000 die.

Prior to the U.S. measles vaccination program, which began in 1963, between 3 million and 4 million people in the U.S. developed measles each year, leading to 48,000 hospitalizations and 400 to 500 deaths.

As measles vaccinations took off in the 1960s, the rate of transmission steadily declined, prompting health officials to declare in 2000 that the indigenous spread of the disease had been eradicated in the United States.

Its re-emergence through imported cases is a troubling development for health officials. Measles patients in the U.S. range in age from two weeks old to 65, with more than half being older than 20.

About 164,000 people around the world die from measles each year. Measles also can cause women to miscarry or to give birth prematurely.



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

President Barack Obama applauds Victoria Bellucci, a 2014 graduate of Huntingtown High School in Huntingtown, Md., who suffered five concussions playing soccer, in the East Room of the White House in Washington on Thursday during the White House Healthy Kids and Safe Sports Concussion Summit.

Obama: Sports culture must contend with concussion danger

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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Thursday that the culture of American sports must shift to cope with the danger posed by concussions, even as he urged young players to stay on the field.

"We want our kids participating in sports. I'd be much more troubled if young people were shying away from sports," Obama said to an audience gathered at the White House for the first summit on sports concussions. "As parents, though, we want to keep them safe, and that means we have to have better information."

Thursday's conference featured a panel discussion by experts and new financial commitments by the federal government and the private sector to fund research into concussions. The pledges included a \$10 million grant by Steve Tisch, co-owner of the New York Giants, to the UCLA School of Medicine's neurosurgery department to train pediatric neurologists specializing in sports concussions and to research how to prevent, diagnose and treat the injuries among young athletes.

The president said "some people's brains may be more vulnerable to trauma than others are," and that researchers need to explore that issue and others related to mild brain injuries.



SUSAN WALSH/AP

President Barack Obama shakes hands with former football player Lavar Arrington as former professional soccer player and current ESPN analyst Taylor Twellman looks on.

James Gilbert, a Washington-based doctor who treats private patients and serves as a team physician for U.S. Soccer, D.C. United and the Washington Spirit, said in an interview this week that new research suggests there may be a genetic marker for individuals more susceptible to brain trauma.

"That's a difficult discussion to have with a parent," Gilbert said. "You're talking about uncharted waters."

In his remarks Thursday, Obama said that when he "was young and played football brief-

ly" he might have had a mild concussion "a couple of times" that went undiagnosed.

"We have to change a culture that says, 'You've got to suck it up,'" he said.

Former Washington Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington, who participated in a panel discussion after the president spoke, said he rehearsed what to tell team officials if they suspected he had suffered a concussion so that he could return to the game without delay. He said he "absolutely" had returned to play after suffering mild con-

cussions, saying, "Just put me back, I'm good."

The National Football League, which has pledged \$130 million to address the risks associated with concussions, has come under fire from some former players for not doing enough to prevent such injuries. In January a federal judge declined to grant preliminary approval of a \$765 million settlement between the NFL and former players who had sued over the issue, on the grounds it might be insufficient.

Taylor Twellman, an ESPN analyst and former professional soccer player who suffered a career-ending concussion after colliding with a goalkeeper, said it was worth being alarmed about the risks of head injuries in sports because the stakes are so high.

"We've only got one ticket at this," Twellman said, referring to a person's brain. "We maybe need to give in to the hysteria a little bit."

The event also highlighted how young women are now participating in contact sports. Victoria Bellucci, who just finished high school in Huntingtown, Md., and played soccer starting at age 4, introduced Obama by saying she was "unaware of how life would change" by pursuing the game, during which she suffered five concussions.

NATION



PHOTOS BY RICK BOWMAN/AP

Wasatch High School sophomore Kimberly Montoya, 16, points to her altered school yearbook photo Thursday in Heber City, Utah. A group of high school students, including Montoya, said they were shocked to discover their photos were digitally altered.

Students shocked by altered photos

BY ANNIE KNOX AND BRADY MCCOMBS
The Associated Press

HEBER CITY, Utah — A little airbrushing to school pictures can spell big relief, concealing pimples and brightening complexions. But some students at Wasatch High School cracked their yearbooks this week to find more than tiny touchups: digital alterations including cap sleeves on their tank tops, raised necklines and in one case, a vanished tattoo.

Several students at the Heber City public school said they've often worn those outfits on campus and never heard from officials that they violated the dress code.

With the digital changes, "I feel like they're shaming you, like, you're not enough, you're not perfect," sophomore Shelby Baum said Thursday. Baum's collarbone tattoo reading "I am enough the way I am" was lifted from her photo. She also discovered a high, square neckline drawn onto her black V-neck T-shirt.

Baum said she plans to ask for a refund or a new book with an unaltered photo.

Other students whose photos were doctored said the pictures squelched their right to express their style, and made them feel singled out because school officials have been inconsistent in enforcing the standards.

Students tasked with assembling the yearbook as part of a yearlong class altered photos of at least seven students at Wasatch, which has an enrollment of 1,700. None were boys, the students said.

"When I show my grandchildren, I'm gonna be like, 'Yeah, I went to a high school where we weren't allowed to be who we were,'" said sophomore Rachel Russell, whose shirt sprouted sleeves in her yearbook photo.

The Wasatch County School District said in a statement Thursday that students were warned when yearbook photos were taken last fall that images might be altered if stu-



Wasatch High School sophomore Shelby Baum, 16, was upset to find that the school had altered her yearbook photo, above, to remove a collarbone tattoo reading "I am enough the way I am," left, and to raise the neckline on her shirt.

Students violated dress standards.

"It is understandable that a student in violation of the dress code could forget that they received warnings about inappropriate dress," the statement said.

District officials apologized about the inconsistent alterations and said they were evaluating the policy on doctored photos. An estimated two-thirds of Utah resi-

dents belong to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which encourages members to practice modesty in how they dress. For women, that includes covering bare shoulders and avoiding low-cut shirts and short skirts and shorts. The Wasatch School District dress code mentions modesty twice: "Clothing will be modest, neat, clean, in good repair. Modesty includes covering shoulders, midriff, back, underwear and cleavage at all times."

Haylee Nielsen, a 15-year-old sophomore, said students who aren't Mormon can feel like outsiders at the school, adding there is big focus on modesty.

For first time in 52 years, Spelling Bee ends in a tie

BY JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

OXON HILL, Md. — When the confetti flew, the two boys stood in the center of the stage and shook hands. They held up the trophy together. Both were champions, a Spelling Bee finish unseen in more than half a century.

After all, it wouldn't have seemed right for one of them to finish second. Sriram Hathwar and Ansun Sujoe had essentially used up the entire list of words the Bee had to offer. The one time Sriram misspelled, Ansun did too. Then they were spot on for their final 12 spellings combined, acing

dark-corner-of-the-dictionary stuff like "thymelici," "encenia," "skandhas," "sdruciola" and "holluschick."

Sriram had been a favorite to finish second. Ansun had come out of nowhere. When it was all done, Sriram, 14, of Painted Post, N.Y., and Ansun, 13, of Fort Worth, Texas, had each won \$30,000 in cash as co-winners of the 87th Scripps National Spelling Bee.

"I think we both know that the competition is against the dictionary and not against each other,"

Sriram said. "I'm happy to share this trophy with him."

Not since 1962 had the Bee ended in a tie. It came about because the rules state that only 25 words remain once the competition is down to two or three spellers. Sriram thought he was a goner when he stumbled on "corpsbruder" (a close comrade), but Ansun then couldn't handle "antigropelos" (waterproof leggings).

So they kept going.

Sriram was competing in the Bee for the fifth time and had finished third last year. He had received the full ESPN star treatment. Ansun failed to get out of the preliminaries in his only previous appearance — and was one of Sriram's fans.

"Definitely — I'd seen him in the finals," Ansun said. "And I wanted to be like that." Turns out they're exactly alike — at least in the final rankings.

"A veteran and, let's say, a rookie," Sriram said with a smile long after the confetti had settled. "It's pretty cool."



Ansun Sujoe, left, and Sriram Hathwar
EVAN VUCCI/AP

NATION

NSA finds 1 email with question from Snowden

By **KEN DILANIAN**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Edward Snowden said he repeatedly raised constitutional concerns about National Security Agency surveillance internally, but an NSA search turned up a single email in which Snowden gently asked for "clarification" on a technical legal question about training materials, agency officials said.

Snowden, a former NSA systems administrator whose leaks have exposed some of the agency's most sensitive spying operations, called himself a patriot in an interview this week with NBC News'

Brian Williams. He said he felt he had no choice but to expose what he considered illegal NSA surveillance by leaking secret details to journalists.

NSA officials have said he gained access to some 1.7 million classified documents, though it's not clear how many he removed from the Hawaii facility where he worked as a contractor.

Asked by Williams whether he first raised his qualms with his bosses, he said, "I reported that there were real problems with the way the NSA was interpreting its legal authorities."

On Thursday, NSA released the email they said Snowden appeared

to be referring to, which the agency said is the only communication from Snowden it could find raising any concerns.

It was dated April 8, 2013, three months after Snowden first reached out to journalists anonymously. Former NSA chief Gen. Keith Alexander said the agency could find no one to whom Snowden voiced concerns verbally, either.

In the email to NSA's general counsel's office, Snowden questions an NSA document showing the hierarchy of governing authorities, which appeared to put executive orders on par with federal statutes.

"I'm not entirely certain, but

this does not seem correct, as it seems to imply executive orders have the same precedence as law," Snowden said in the email. "Could you please clarify?"

An unidentified NSA lawyer began his reply, "Hello, Ed," and told Snowden he was correct: Executive orders cannot override federal law.

In an email to The Washington Post, Snowden called the official release of the email "incomplete," the newspaper reported late Thursday.

Snowden said it did not include his correspondence with NSA compliance officials and concerns he had raised about "indefensible collection activities." He re-

peated claims that he had shown colleagues "direct evidence" of programs that they agreed were unconstitutional, the newspaper said.

"If the White House is interested in the whole truth, rather than the NSA's clearly tailored and incomplete leak today for a political advantage, it will require the NSA to ask my former colleagues, management and the senior leadership team about whether I, at any time, raised concerns about the NSA's improper and at times unconstitutional surveillance activities," Snowden wrote in response to questions from the Post. "It will not take long to receive an answer."

Police: Driver intentionally hit NY state trooper

The Associated Press

CHENANGO BRIDGE, N.Y. — A pickup truck driver changed lanes and intentionally hit a trooper conducting a traffic stop along a highway on Thursday, killing him instantly, and was charged with murder, police said.

Almond Upton admitted to police that he deliberately swerved his pickup truck from the left passing lane to the right shoulder to hit Trooper Christopher Skinner on Interstate 81 near Binghamton around noon, police Superintendent Joseph A. D'Amico said. Upton, of Melrose, Fla., had sideswiped two other vehicles with his 2014 Toyota Tacoma, D'Amico said.

Upton was taken into custody an hour later after a police dog tracked him into nearby woods, where he was found naked. Police said he didn't appear to be drunk or on drugs.

D'Amico said it was unclear what the motive was for striking the trooper. He said Upton, 60, told police he was driving to Connecticut to visit his mother.

Upton was arraigned on a count of first-degree murder in Chenango Town Court. It could not immediately be determined if he had a lawyer. He was jailed without bail and couldn't be reached for comment by telephone.

The trooper's killing occurred on I-81 northbound between exits 6 and 7 near the Pennsylvania line.

Skinner, 42, was from the Sidney bar-



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A New York State trooper leads Almond Upton, 60, of Melrose, Fla., into Chenango Town Justice Court for his arraignment in the first-degree murder charge in the death of Trooper Christopher G. Skinner, 42, of Binghamton.

racks in Delaware County and was a 13-year veteran. The Binghamton resident is survived by his fiancée and two children, ages 12 and 15.

In 2011, New York instituted a move over law, requiring motorists to slow down and move over when approaching police and emergency vehicles alongside roadways.

Skinner is the second New York state trooper killed in a highway crash in the past six months. Trooper David Cunniff died in December from injuries he suffered when his cruiser was rear-ended by a tractor-trailer shortly after he pulled over a

car for speeding on the state thruway near Amsterdam.

In April, Trooper Todd Madley escaped serious injury after a car sideswiped his cruiser while he wrote a traffic ticket along Interstate 690 near Syracuse. The driver was ticketed for violating the move over law.

Skinner is the 15th member of the New York State Police to die in the line of duty since 2006, and his is the fifth line-of-duty death in the last 10 months, said the Police Benevolent Association of the New York State Troopers.

Prosecutor: Texas drug source can be secret

By **NOMAN MERCHANT**
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The Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas can keep secret the name of its supplier for its execution drugs, the state attorney general determined after law enforcement argued that suppliers face serious danger.

In the decision, Attorney General Greg Abbott's office cited a "threat assessment" signed by Texas Department of Public Safety director Steven McCraw that says pharmacies selling execution drugs face "a substantial threat of physical harm."

Thursday's decision was a reversal for the state's top prosecutor on an issue being challenged in several death penalty states. It came the same day that Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster said his state should consider creating its own laboratory for execution drugs rather than relying on "uneasy cooperation" with outside sources. The U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976, but around the country the number of executions has declined steadily since peaking in 1999. The number of states that carry the death penalty has also been declining, with six dropping it in the last eight years.

Under Abbott, who is also the Republican nominee for governor in the nation's busiest death penalty state, the Texas Attorney General's Office had since 2010 rejected three similar attempts by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to keep secret its source of the drugs used to carry out lethal injections.

While courts have consistently refused to stop executions over the privacy issue, lawyers for death row inmates say they need the information to verify the drugs' potency and protect inmates from constitutionally cruel and unusual punishment.

The assessment cited by Abbott's office is a one-page letter dated March 7 in which McCraw says a Houston-area compounding pharmacy that was publicly identified as Texas' previous drug supplier received threats that "should be taken seriously." His letter did not specify those threats.

Law officers knew of Rodger's videos but didn't view them

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Law officers who visited Elliot Rodger three weeks before he killed six college students near a Santa Barbara, Calif., university were aware that he had posted disturbing videos but didn't watch them, and they didn't know about his final video detailing his "day of retribution" until after the deadly rampage, officials said.

The disclosure in a Santa Barbara County sheriff's department statement on Thursday corrected an earlier assertion that deputies were unaware of any video when they checked on him on April 30. The statement also provided new details on the sequence of events during that pivotal visit

to Rodger's apartment, a time when he was plotting the rampage that ended with him apparently taking his own life.

The guns he used in the killings May 23 were stashed inside his apartment at the time, but police never searched the residence or conducted a check to determine if he owned firearms because they didn't consider him a threat.

The statement does not explain why the videos were not viewed or whether the deputies knew anything about the contents beyond a description of them being "disturbing."

The sheriff's department also revealed new details about the timeline leading up to the killings. It said Rodger uploaded his final video to YouTube detailing his "day of

retribution" and stating his plans and reasons for the killings at 9:17 p.m. on the day of the shootings, May 23. One minute later, he emailed a lengthy written manifesto to his mother, father and therapist that also detailed his plans and contempt for everyone he felt was responsible for his sexual frustrations and overall miserable existence.

The first gunshots were reported at 9:27 p.m. The rampage was over and Rodger was dead just eight minutes later.

It was another half-hour before the therapist saw the emailed manifesto and 11 more minutes until the sheriff's office was contacted at 10:11 p.m. Authorities contacted Rodger's mother and learned about the manifesto and the "retribution" video.

NATION

Google's unusual effort got states' driverless-car OK

By JUSTIN PRITCHARD
The Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — About four years ago, the Google team trying to develop cars driven by computers — not people — became convinced that sooner than later, the technology would be ready for the masses. There was one big problem: Driverless cars were almost certainly illegal in the U.S.

And yet this week, Google said it wants to give Californians access to a small fleet of prototypes it will make without steering wheels or pedals.

The plan is possible because, by this time next year, driverless cars will be legal in the tech giant's home state.

And for that, Google can thank Google, and an unorthodox lobbying campaign to shape the road rules of the future in car-obsessed California — and maybe even the rest of the nation — that began with a game-changing conversation in Las Vegas.

The campaign was based on a principle that businesses rarely embrace: ask for regulation.

The journey to a law in California began in January 2011 at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, where Nevada legislator-turned-lobbyist David Goldwater began chatting up Anthony Levandowski, one of the self-driving car project's leaders. When talk drifted to the legal hurdles, Goldwater suggested that rather than entering California's potentially bruising political process, Google should start small.

In neighboring Nevada, he said, where the Legislature famously has an impulse to regulate lightly. It made sense to Google, which hired Goldwater.

Up to that point, Google quietly had sent early versions of the car, with a "safety driver" behind the wheel, more than 100,000 miles in California. Eventually, government would catch up, just as stop signs began appearing well after cars rolled onto America's roads a century ago.

If the trigger to act was a bad accident, lawmakers could set the technology back years.

Feeling more Google, Google bet it could legalize a technology



ERIC RISBERG/AP

A Google self-driving car goes on a test drive May 14 near the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, Calif.

that though still experimental had the potential to save thousands of lives and to generate millions of dollars in profits.

The cars were their own best salesmen. Nevada's governor and other key policy makers emerged enthusiastic after test rides. The bill passed quickly enough that potential opponents — primarily automakers — were unable to influence its outcome.

Next, Nevada's Department of Motor Vehicles had to write rules implementing the law.

At the DMV, Google had an enthusiastic supporter in Bruce Breslow, then the agency's leader.

Breslow had been fascinated by driverless cars since seeing an exhibit at the 1964 New York World's Fair. Seeing a career-defining opportunity, Breslow shelved other projects and shifted money so he wouldn't have to ask for the \$200,000 needed to research and write the rules.

At first, DMV staff panicked — they only had several months to write unprecedented rules on a technology they didn't know. But Google knew the technology, and was eager to help.

"Very few people deeply understand" driverless car technology, said Chris Urmsen, the

self-driving-car pioneer lured from academia who now leads Google's project. Offering policymakers information "to make informed decisions ... is really important to us."

Bryant Walker Smith, who teaches the law of self-driving cars as a fellow at Stanford University, described one rule-drafting session in which Google — not the DMV — responded to suggestions from auto industry representatives.

"It wasn't always clear who was leading," Smith said. It seemed to him that both Google and the DMV felt ownership of the rules.

Indianapolis grasping for answers in violent year

By CHARLES WILSON
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Two men in bright, yellow safety vests stroll through a run-down neighborhood where boarded-up houses and padlocked storefronts stand as silent witnesses to a wave of street violence that threatens to taint the reputation of Indiana's capital city.

As they trade small talk with women and children sitting on their porches, the men from the Ten Point Coalition aren't just being friendly. They're trying to keep people from killing each other — part of a broad effort to tamp down the bloodshed using methods old and new, proven and unproven.

The number of homicides in Indianapolis is increasing at an alarming rate, putting the city on pace to have its deadliest year in at least eight years. Already ranked 22nd on the FBI's list of deadliest cities, the city could move up and rival its 162 killings in 1998, the worst year on record, if the hot summer months accelerate the violence as expected.

The statistics are a blemish on a city



AJ MAST/AP

Police tape blocks the street May 20 in front of the scene of a shooting that left three dead the previous night in the Lakeside Manor neighborhood of Indianapolis.

better known for its hospitality, business-friendly environment and well-received hosting of the 2012 Super Bowl. Leaders desperate to stop the bloodshed are struggling to find a solution.

Mayor Greg Ballard has met with gang leaders and proposed about \$29 million per year in tax increases to add nearly 300 officers to the police force by 2018. Police have beefed up street patrols, have hosted neighborhood meetings and have expanded the presence of McGruff the Crime Dog in classrooms to reach kids before they drift into deep trouble.

Members of the Ten Point Coalition, a faith-based group of ministers and com-

munity leaders, have targeted two of the most troubled ZIP codes with regular visits in hopes of steering young people down a better path.

But the numbers keep climbing. Public-safety officials repeatedly have said that roots of the city's violence run back through decades of poverty and broken homes and that the problem is too big for police to handle alone.

"I think sometimes everybody wants some magic approach that's going to do away with it in six months," said Public Safety Director Troy Riggs. But, he added, "This didn't happen overnight or over the last decade."

Clinton defends response to Benghazi attack

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton is defending her handling of the deadly 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya, writing in her new book that she will "not be part of a political slugfest on the backs of dead Americans."

The former secretary of state devotes a chapter of her upcoming book, "Hard Choices," to the Benghazi attack, responding to Republicans who have accused the Obama administration of stonewalling congressional investigators and misleading the public about the nature of the attack in the weeks before the presidential election. Four Americans were killed in the Sept. 11, 2012, attack, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens.

Clinton takes responsibility for the loss of life in the attack but writes that there have been "a regrettable amount of misinformation, speculation and flat-out deceit" by some in politics and the media.

"I will not be a part of a political slugfest on the backs of dead Americans. It's just plain wrong, and it's unworthy of our great country," Clinton writes. "Those who insist on politicizing the tragedy will have to do so without me."

WORLD

Syria activists detail deaths by barrel bombs

BEIRUT — Crude bombs dropped by Syrian government forces on rebel-held parts of the northern city of Aleppo have killed nearly 2,000 people so far this year, an activist group said Friday.

The grim figure is the latest addition to the deadly tally from Syria's civil war, which has killed more than 162,000 people, according to activists. The crude bombs — known as barrel bombs — are shrapnel-packed explosive devices that Syrian forces have been rolling out of helicopters over rebel-held neighborhoods.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights — one of the main groups counting the dead in the three-year-long conflict — said Friday there were 1,963 deaths in 2014 from barrel bombs in Aleppo, including 283 women and 567 people under the age of 18.

UK to count drugs, prostitution in GDP

LONDON — Sex please — we're British.

Britain's Office of National Statistics said prostitution and the import, manufacture and consumption of illegal drugs will be counted when making the government's quarterly calculations of gross domestic product.

The statistics agency said Friday some of these activities are listed in certain European Union countries, and comparable figures are needed. All member states need the same standard because they are used to assess a member state's contribution to the EU budget.

At the moment, the only illegal activities included in GDP are estimates on alcohol and tobacco smuggling.

Thai activists plan rally to defy protest ban

BANGKOK — An anti-coup activist in Thailand called Friday for a weekend rally to defy the military government's ban on demonstrations, urging those opposed to the takeover to wear masks and be ready for cat-and-mouse chases with soldiers in the capital.

The call to rally on Sunday raised concerns of a showdown, as the military reiterated its ban on political gatherings and warned it will not tolerate protests against the coup it staged May 22.

"The authorities will take legal measures against those who come out to oppose" the coup, deputy army spokesman Col. Winthai Sawaree told a news conference. "We cannot tolerate this situation happening."

The warning came as the military sealed off a major Bangkok intersection for a second day Friday to prevent a possible protest. The massive show of force — involving hundreds of troops during the evening rush hour — came in response to small but near-daily demonstrations that have raised tension and concerns the army will crack down on protesters.

From The Associated Press

Russian troops leave Ukraine border

By LOLITA C. BALDOR

The Associated Press

ABOARD A U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT — U.S. defense officials said Thursday that Russia has pulled most of its forces away from the Ukraine border, a withdrawal that the U.S. has been demanding for weeks.

They said about seven battalions remained, amounting to a couple of thousand troops. U.S. officials had estimated as many as 40,000 Russian forces had been aligned along the border with a restive eastern Ukraine that has been wracked with violence between government security forces and pro-Russian separatists.

The defense officials spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the precise numbers.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel didn't provide any details to reporters traveling with him at the start of a 12-day overseas trip, but he called the withdrawal promising.

"They are not where they need to be and won't be until all of their troops that they positioned along that border a couple of months ago are gone," Hagel said.

"We do know that thousands of Russian troops have been pulled back and are moving away. But we also know that there are still thousands of Russian troops still there that have not yet moved," Hagel said.

Hagel said he has not spoken to his Russian counterpart about the withdrawal.

Hagel was among Obama ad-



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A Ukrainian soldier guards a checkpoint Friday outside Sloviansk, Ukraine.

ministration officials who expressed new concerns Thursday about rising violence in eastern Ukraine, including the downing of a military helicopter by pro-Russian rebels.

The White House and State Department both said a de-escalation of the crisis was imperative and called on Russia to exert pressure on the separatists to get them to end the fighting and to release a group of international

monitors who have been detained in eastern Ukraine since earlier this week.

"We are disturbed by the ongoing violence in eastern Ukraine," presidential spokesman Jay Carney said at the White House. While the U.S. has not been able to verify what happened to the helicopter, he said, "We are concerned that this indicates separatists continue to have access to advanced weaponry and other as-

sistance from the outside."

Ukraine's acting president said earlier Thursday that 12 troops died when rebels shot down a military helicopter in Sloviansk using a portable air defense missile.

Even before the incident, Secretary of State John Kerry spoke to his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, on Wednesday to reiterate U.S. concerns about the deteriorating situation in Ukraine, the State Department said.

India: 2 police fired for not acting in rape case

By BISWAJEET BANERJEE

The Associated Press

LUCKNOW, India — Pacing relentless media attention and growing criticism for a series of rapes, state officials in north India fired two police officers Friday for failing to investigate the disappearance of two teenage cousins, who were gang-raped and later were found hanging from a tree.

But in a country with a long history of tolerance for sexual violence, the firings also came as the state's top official mocked journalists for asking about the attack.

"Aren't you safe? You're not facing any danger, are you?" Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav said in Lucknow, the state capital. "Then why are you worried? What's it to you?"

The gang rape, with video of the girl's corpses hanging from a mango tree and swaying gently in a breeze, was the top story Friday on India's relentless 24-hour news stations. But in just the past few days, Uttar Pradesh has also seen the mother of a rape victim brutally attacked and a 17-year-old girl gang-raped by four men.

Uttar Pradesh is India's most



MANISH SWARUP/AP

Members of Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union shout Friday during a protest against a gang rape of two teenage girls in Katra village, outside the Uttar Pradesh state house in New Delhi.

populous state, with nearly 200 million people.

Official statistics say about 25,000 rapes are committed every year in India, a nation of 1.2 billion people. But activists say that number is very low because women are often pressed by family or police to stay quiet about sexual assaults.

Indian police and politicians,

who for decades had done little about sexual violence, have faced growing public anger since the December 2013 gang-rape and murder of a young woman on a moving New Delhi bus, an attack that sparked national outrage over the treatment of women.

On Friday, the state's former chief minister lashed out at the ruling government.

"There is no law and order in the state," said Mayawati, who uses only one name. "It is the law of the jungle."

Hours later, the chief minister ordered that suspects in the attack be tried in special "fast track" courts, to get around India's notoriously slow judicial system.

The girls, who were 14 and 15, were raped in the tiny village of Katra, about 180 miles from Lucknow.

Police said they disappeared Tuesday night after going into fields near their home to relieve themselves because their house has no toilet.

The father of one girl went to police that night to report them missing, but he said they refused to help.

When the bodies were discovered the next day, angry villagers silently protested the police inaction by refusing to allow the bodies to be cut down from the tree.

The villagers allowed authorities to take down the corpses after the first arrests were made Wednesday. Police arrested two police officers and two men from the village, and were searching for three more suspects.

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OPINION

Apathy is the real threat to Europe

By JOSHUA KEATING

The success of fringe Euroskeptical parties is understandably the main headline of Sunday's European Parliament elections. Marine Le Pen's far-right Front National won 25 percent of the vote in France, putting it well ahead of the center-right UMP and the ruling Socialists. Nigel Farage's U.K. Independence Party was the top vote-getter in Britain. The anti-immigrant Danish People's Party won in Denmark. In Greece the far-left Syriza party won, with the neo-Nazi Golden Dawn taking about 10 percent of the vote and three seats in the parliament.

But before panicking about the motley crew of extremists and racists on their way to Brussels (and sometimes Strasbourg!) it's worth pointing out that Euroskeptical parties are still expected to hold only about 143 out of the body's 751 seats. The overall winner of the election is the center-right European People's Party, meaning that the middle-of-the-road Jean-Claude Juncker, Luxembourg's former prime minister, seems to be the most likely candidate for the European Commission presidency.

The Euroskeptical bloc doesn't really exist, comprising parties from vastly different ends of the political spectrum. Even within the leading right-wing parties, there's not much solidarity, with Farage having distanced himself from Le Pen ahead of the election.

(It also wasn't a clean sweep for the far right. Geert Wilders' Islamophobic Freedom Party in the Netherlands and Hungary's ultranationalist Jobbik both had bad nights. Italian voters surprised many by



GEERT VANDEN WUNGAERT/AP

French far-right National Front party leader Marine Le Pen, second from right, stands with Dutch far-right Freedom Party leader Geert Wilders, right, Austria's Secretary General of the Freedom Party Harald Vilimsky, second from left, and Federal Secretary of Italy's Lega Nord Matteo Salvini after a meeting Wednesday with EU far-right parties at the European Parliament in Brussels.

bucking trends and delivering a big win to the center-left Democratic Party.)

One of the great political ironies of 21st century politics is that the EU parliament, the most ambitious experiment ever conducted in multinational democracy, has been an enormous boon to hard-line nationalists. In EU elections, turnout is low, and because the stakes are perceived, correctly, as being lower, people are more likely to cast protest votes. This means that parties like the FN and UKIP with little to no chance of winning national elections become leading contenders. The best chance Euroskeptics have of electoral success is in European elections.

Overall, voter turnout was 43.1 percent — about the same as the last elections in

2009. In Eastern Europe the big story was voter apathy, with voter turnout far lower than average throughout the region. Slovakia had the dubious honor of Europe's lowest turnout with only 13 percent. The fact that these countries, which joined the EU with such enthusiasm so recently, are now so apathetic about it is probably as worrying for the future of the union as the protest votes cast in Western Europe.

Mainstream political leaders have done a singularly bad job of making the case for a united Europe to voters, but the election ought to be a wakeup call that restoring the union's credibility with the European public is now the top priority.

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US a relationship therapist in Persian Gulf

By JEFFREY GOLDBERG

Here's a question that's been nagging me for a while: Why don't the Arab states that provide so many weapons, and so much funding, to the Syrian opposition, and that also demand greater U.S. intervention in the Syrian civil war, just intervene themselves? The countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, in particular, both vociferously support opposition to Syrian President Bashar Assad and are very well armed. Saudi Arabia alone flies about 300 combat aircraft; the United Arab Emirates has at least 140.

If it is true — and I think it is — that the creation of no-fly zones and civilian havens would have prevented the slaughter of tens of thousands of innocent Syrians, then why didn't the Arabs, whose tears flow in rivers for their Sunni Syrian brethren, do more to protect them? One obvious answer is fear of Iran, the protector of the Assad regime. But to the opposite of the madeline Albright what is the point of fielding these superb air forces if you're not going to do anything with them?

I finally discovered at least part of an answer while traveling to Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Israel. This month, with U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel. Although Hagel tends to conserve his energy on overseas trips, he still managed, over the course of four efficient days, to reassure eight U.S. allies that Barack Obama's administration is not withdrawing from the Middle East. (The question of why the secretary of defense must go on reassurance tours to friendly and dependent nations is one of the largest ones looming over Obama's foreign policy.)

Hagel's first stop was Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where the senior ministers of the six Gulf Cooperation countries were holding a

summit meeting. Top officials from Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and everyone's favorite regional black sheep, Qatar, all attended. It turns out the meeting was Hagel's idea, which should immediately tell you something about the level of cooperation among members of the GCC. When the military leadership of these countries won't meet without a direct request from the Pentagon, it can safely be assumed that the council doesn't have NATO-like aspirations.

The most interesting and troubling piece of information that I learned in Jeddah is that the members of the GCC don't have a sophisticated, regionwide, integrated air and missile defense system in place. The council was founded as a direct response to the threat posed by the Iranian revolution — Iran is a true existential threat to the monarchs of the Gulf — and Iran has fairly sophisticated missile programs already, as well as limitless ambition. It was up to Gen. Lloyd Austin, the head of U.S. Central Command, who accompanied Hagel on his visit, to explain to the assembled ministers the benefits of regional early-warning systems, as well as greater maritime cooperation.

Just a few years after the founding of the GCC, its members cooperate with one another in semi-scattershot fashion. This is partly due to Qatar's disruptive presence in the group. Qatar supports the Muslim Brotherhood and the most extreme Syrian jihadi groups. Its television network, Al Jazeera, regularly affiliates other Gulf monarchs but most certainly not Qatar's. But it is not only Qatar that has rendered the GCC ineffective. Poor management and leadership, jealousy, and mediocrity all play roles. They explain why the GCC has never become the counterweight to Iran that it was meant to be, and why its efforts in Syria so

far have failed to dislodge Assad.

One subsidiary goal of Hagel's team was to stress to Gulf officials that fractious relations undermine their common purpose. The Pentagon's top Middle East expert, Matthew Spence, told me that, "Our strong view is that the common threats these countries face are greater than the differences between them." But it's not clear how much relationship therapy the U.S. could, or should, do.

When I asked Hagel if he sometimes felt like the de facto chairman of the GCC, he demurred: "That overstates my role in the situation. I can play a bit of a role as a facilitator, bringing common challenges to the conversation."

The GCC countries are only intermittent in their commitment to unified action against Iran and the Assad regime. But they excel at worrying about the commitment of their benefactor and weapons supplier, the United States, to their protection and to the perpetuation of their regimes. Hagel's visit to the GCC meeting, Jordan and Israel was meant to reassure these allies that Obama hasn't abandoned them. "You have to pay attention to these concerns and perceptions, but these narratives don't track with reality," Hagel said. "I don't know if there has been a time when America has been so connected with the world."

This may be true, but the Obama administration has done an insufficient job of making this argument. If nothing else, the inadequacies of the GCC and the obvious threat its members face from the region's putative hegemon, Iran, suggest that the U.S. is still — to use the term Hillary Clinton is about to reinject into Washington's foreign policy conversation — the "indispensable nation."

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OPINION

Obama's foreign policy speech ties America's hands

The Washington Post editorial

President Barack Obama has entrenched U.S. global engagement in a way that has shaken the confidence of many U.S. allies and encouraged some adversaries. That conclusion can be heard not just from Republican hawks but also from senior officials from Singapore to France and, more quietly, from some leading congressional Democrats.

As he has so often in his political career, Mr. Obama has elected to respond to the critical consensus not by adjusting policy but rather by delivering a big speech.

In his address Wednesday to the graduating cadets at West Point, Obama marshaled a virtual corps of straw men, dismissing those who "say that every problem has a military solution," who "think military intervention is the only way for America

to avoid looking weak," who favor putting "American troops into the middle of [Syria's] increasingly sectarian civil war," who propose "invading every country that harbors terrorist networks" and who think that "working through international institutions ... or respecting international law is a sign of weakness."

Few, if any, of those who question the president's record hold such views. Instead, they are asking why an arbitrary date should be set for withdrawing all forces from Afghanistan, especially given the baleful results of the "zero option" in Iraq. They are suggesting that military steps short of the deployment of U.S. ground troops could stop the murderous air and chemical attacks by the Syrian regime of Bashar Assad. They are arguing that the United States should not be constrained by Cyprus or Bulgaria in responding to Russia's invasion and annexation of parts

of Ukraine.

To those doubters, the president's address offered scant comfort. Reiterating and further tightening a doctrine he laid out in a speech to the United Nations last fall, Obama said the United States should act unilaterally only in defense of a narrow set of "core interests," such as the free flow of trade. When "crises arise that stir our conscience or push the world in a more dangerous direction," he said, "we should not let go alone."

This binding of U.S. power places Obama at odds with every U.S. president since World War II. In effect, he ruled out interventions to stop genocide or reverse aggression absent a direct threat to the U.S. homeland or a multilateral initiative. Those terms would exclude missions by previous administrations in places such as Somalia and Haiti and Obama's own proposal to strike Syria last year — but not

the war in Iraq, which was a multilateral campaign.

Obama made one new practical proposal: to set up a \$5 billion fund to "train, build capacity and facilitate partner countries on the front lines" of fighting terrorism. The initiative is worthy of support as a way of checking emerging threats in places such as Yemen, Libya, Somalia and Mali. But just as a U.S. invasion is not needed for every terrorist haven, not all can be eliminated by training other countries' forces.

Obama also pledged to "ramp up support" for the Syrian opposition. But he made the same promise last year and failed to follow through. Those U.S. allies who worry about Obama's foreign policy retreat — and those who have exploited it — will be impressed by a change in U.S. behavior, not the president's rhetoric.

Planned Palestinian town provides a glimpse of hope

By NOAH FELDMAN

It's easy to sympathize with Pope Francis, who stopped for silent prayer at the wall separating Bethlehem from Jerusalem: Sometimes it seems as if divine intervention is the only option left for Israelis and Palestinians who want peace.

But there's another spot the pope could have visited for a glimpse of optimism amid the deadlocked peace negotiations.

Just north of Ramallah, the planned Palestinian city of Rawabi is emerging from the side of a hill. Intended to house light industry, high-tech firms and as many as 30,000 residents, Rawabi is, strictly speaking, an impossibility under Israeli occupation and Palestinian Authority governance. Yet there it is, growing under the guidance of Palestinian businessman Bashar Masri, with funding from Qatar's sovereign wealth fund.

The idea behind Rawabi is deceptively simple. Israel has built plenty of master-planned cities — some, controversially, in the territories it conquered in 1967. Palestinian cities and towns, in contrast, have arisen organically from ancient agricultural towns and trading centers, or have been the impromptu byproduct of refugee camps melding into urban sprawl. Masri wanted to start from scratch and construct a new city designed for Palestinians.

His aim is to attract an aspiring middle class by building apartments designed for nuclear families, not extended clans. Many Palestinians live in freestanding houses that can be extended upward and outward to accommodate more family. Rawabi's neat multi-unit buildings feature single-family units ranging from roughly 1,000 to 2,000 square feet.

Rawabi offers something else that's rare in the Arab world generally and Palestine in particular: mortgage financing. Four different banks have offices in the sales center. This lowers the entry price point for prospective buyers and encourages bourgeois values. After 2008 it may sound funny to praise mortgages; but they are still the best way to combine access to housing with a commitment to savings.

So where's the catch? Start with the regulatory nightmare of the West Bank. Most of Rawabi stands on what's known as Area C, which is under Palestinian civil and security control. Building there requires land grants and permissions from the Palestinian Authority, which is known for being both broke and corrupt. Another part of



Pope Francis meets children in a refugee camp near the West Bank town of Bethlehem on Sunday. The pope could have visited another spot — where the planned Palestinian city of Rawabi is being built — for a glimpse of optimism in the region amid stalled peace talks.

the town is in Area B, which is under Palestinian civil authority but Israeli military authority — so all permissions must be duplicated.

And a crucial small part of Rawabi, including its access road, is in Area C, which is entirely controlled by Israel. The developers struggled mightily to get permission to build a road wide enough to accommodate heavy machinery — to say nothing of 30,000 residents, many of whom will be commuters. As things stand, there is a two-lane road that must be re-approved yearly.

Then there's the Israeli military checkpoint between Rawabi and neighboring Ramallah. It's there to protect Ateret, a settlement on the next hilltop with a population of 740. To potential buyers, a checkpoint that, if closed, blocks access to the outside world is hardly a selling point.

And of course, since this is the Middle East, there's the question of water. Rawabi's hasn't been turned on yet. Israel wants to negotiate water access under the terms of the peace process — which is at a standstill.

Beyond logistics there is ideology. Some Palestinians have criticized Rawabi as a copy of a settlement or, worse, an accommodation of the occupation. Israelis who favor the settlements, for their part, are challenged by Rawabi's assertion of sovereignty. Masri says his Palestinian flags — he has a lot of them, including one that measures 9 by 20 meters — have been stolen by settlers from nearby Ateret.

Such practical challenges explain why Rawabi has sold only a few hundred units.

Why, then, do I find this undertaking so inspiring? It's a question I couldn't answer during my tour last week — until Pope Francis visited the grave of Theodor Herzl, the man Israelis call the founder of modern Zionism.

Rawabi has emotional resonance for me because it draws on the tradition of realist utopia. This same concept inspired the early Zionists to create facts on the ground in Palestine under the Ottoman Empire and the British Mandate. Those early settlers, unlike the ones who came along after 1967, had no state or army to fight their battles for them, and no reliable reason to

expect they ever would. Yet, like Masri, they worked both with and against the existing authorities, always keeping their eyes on the prize of a better life.

Masri is at pains to deny that Rawabi mimics the settlements. He insists that his buildings aren't uniform, that they're made of locally quarried yellow stone, not white stone, and that the roofs aren't the Mediterranean red tile favored by Israelis.

No doubt he would also reject being compared with the pioneers who built the state against which his people struggle. His buyers come not from across the sea but from the neighboring cities and towns where their ancestors have lived for generations.

Yet Rawabi in its way is at least as visionary as its precedents. In the absence of a peace agreement, it is being built as though peace has already arrived. It is a realist utopia, a fact on the ground that contradicts the apparent impossibility of peace. Rawabi is not a solution, but it is a start.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Theft of urinal items stumps officials

AL BIRMINGHAM — Officials in Alabama say they're investigating a series of thefts involving metal urinal components from restaurant bathrooms.

Jefferson County sheriff's spokesman Randy Christian said Wednesday that authorities have been told of a man walking into men's rooms and stealing flush valves and supply lines from urinals. Authorities said the man left each business without being noticed.

Christian said the pipes weren't made of copper and would have little value if a thief tried selling them as scrap metal. Christian said officials are unsure why the items are being stolen.

Scientists to drop drones into hurricanes

FL MIAMI — The point where the rolling ocean meets the fury of a hurricane's winds may hold the key to improving storm intensity forecasts — but it's nearly impossible for scientists to see.

That may change this summer, thanks to U.S. federal funding and a handful of winged drones that can spend hours spiraling in a hurricane's dark places. The drones will be transmitting data that could help forecasters understand what makes some storms fizzle while others strengthen into monsters.

Researchers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration plan to test five or six drones in the peak of hurricane season. The \$1.25 million project is among a slew of other NOAA hurricane research funded by a bill that authorized \$60 billion for disaster relief agencies in response to Hurricane Sandy.

Man stunned while holding dog sues officer

NM ESPANOLA — A New Mexico man is suing a police officer who used a stun gun on him while the man was holding a puppy.

Eppie Cruz Montoya recently filed a lawsuit in state district court accusing the Espanola officer of using excessive force at a convenience store.

Montoya said he walked into the store with the puppy to buy a drink. The store manager told him his dog wasn't allowed and ordered him to take down his sweatshirt's hood.

A police report said an officer arrested and used a stun gun when Montoya disobeyed the officer's commands. Montoya then dropped the puppy.

It is unclear whether the puppy was injured.

Officials are investigating whether the officer used excessive force. Montoya was arrested, but charges were dropped.

Vandal of cemetery's flags is groundhog

NY LOCKPORT — A sheriff's deputy investigat-

THE CENSUS

\$25

The member price per load of a composted mixture of "Zoo Doo" manure produced by exotic animals that Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek, Mich., is selling. Horticulturist Frank Cummins said that the compost from herbivores also will be sold nonmembers for \$30 per load. Zebras, antelopes, giraffes and other animals are contributing to the gardening aid the zoo calls a "fun and creative way" to raise money and dispose of waste.



ANDREW WARDLOW, THE (PANAMA CITY, FLA.) NEWS HERALD/AP

Look out below

Tyler Toole net fishes on Lake Huntington as his wife, Sarah Forrester, right, sunbathes in Panama City, Fla., on Wednesday.

ing reports of vandalized flags at an upstate New York cemetery has caught the culprit in the act.

It was a groundhog apparently intent on using the wooden sticks for his den and the flags as bedding.

Niagara County Sheriff James Voutour said he sent a deputy to the veterans' section of Cold Springs Cemetery in Lockport after the parents of an Army specialist buried there called reporters earlier this week to complain about the damaged flags.

Groundskeeper Rodney Burdick said about 31 flags were missing from veterans' graves.

Voutour said he wouldn't have believed the groundhog was responsible if his deputy hadn't watched the animal take the flags, break them with its front paws and take them into its den.

Store owner, 89, swats robber with golf club

WA MOSES LAKE — An 89-year-old Washington state storekeeper says she swatted at a sword-wielding robber with a golf club after he pushed her to the ground.

Mijo Koba's son said she was not hurt in the weekend scuffle in Moses Lake. Police recovered the

cash register taken Sunday from Frank's Superette.

Police said the intruder was armed with a 3-foot-long sword and rode away on a BMX bike.

Koba said the robber ordered his mother to open the till and she refused.

Koba said she was pushed as he fled and she fell down. She then grabbed a golf club that was behind the counter and tried to swing at his head. She couldn't reach, so she said she settled for hitting his legs.

Police are still searching for the man.

Widow sues after man falls from plane, dies

IA DES MOINES — A woman is suing a skydiving company and pilot following the death of her husband, who was sucked out of an airplane door and fell to his death.

The Des Moines Register reported attorneys for Cindy Kidrowski, of Brooklyn, filed the lawsuit Tuesday in Poweshiek County.

The suit follows the Aug. 16 death of Wayne Kidrowski, 56, who was flying from Brooklyn to Grinnell as part of a plan to have work done on the aircraft.

Although he wasn't skydiving, Kidrowski was told to wear a parachute.

The parachute deployed during the flight. The wind caught the material and dragged Kidrowski out of the plane.

The suit names Skydive Iowa, company owner Bruce Kennedy and pilot Andrew Arthur as plaintiffs.

College builds dorm just for single moms

NE OMAHA — An Omaha college hopes a \$10 million dorm specifically for single mothers will lead to improved graduation and success rates among its students trying to juggle schoolwork with motherhood.

College of St. Mary has offered single mothers on-campus housing since 2000, but a dedicated residence hall was built for the Mothers Living and Learning program in 2012.

The cost for the specialized dorm is the same as living in the college's other on-campus housing, and the mothers pay the same tuition rates. But their children eat free on their meal plan, and they have a built-in support system of baby-sitters and a network of college staffers who

consider the moms' success to be their jobs.

Maine raising speed limit on interstates

ME PORTLAND — Just in time for the busy summer travel season, Maine is increasing the speed limit on most of Interstate 295 and long sections of the state-run portion of Interstate 95, but motorists will have to wait until later in the summer to go faster on the Maine Turnpike, officials said Tuesday.

Speed limits were to increase from 55 mph to 60 mph and 65 mph to 70 mph on rural sections of I-295 and I-95 as soon as signs were installed Tuesday and Wednesday, Transportation Commissioner David Bernhardt said. A section of U.S. 1 between Brunswick and Bath also will be boosted, from 55 mph to 60 mph.

The Maine Turnpike Authority is poised to raise speed limits from 65 mph to 70 mph for most of the toll highway, but that requires a different process that won't be completed until mid-August, a spokeswoman said.

Bernhardt said most motorists are already driving faster and that the new limits will be safer.

From wire reports

MOVIES



'Days of Future Past' merges old and new

By JOHN ANDERSON

Newsday

Marvel's X-Men franchise involves multiple characters, multiple aliases, multiple storylines, comic books, TV shows, seven blockbuster feature films and a legacy of esoterica dating back to 1963. One would need an anti-perplexity superpower to keep all the history straight.

Now, they're mutating history itself.

"Days of Future Past," which brings the latest X-venture to theaters, involves traveling through time, changing the past and several characters meeting not only younger versions of themselves, but Richard Nixon. It's like a runaway supertrain.

And yet ... some things remain the same — and have, since the mutant outsider X-Men were birthed at the height of the Civil Rights era.

"One of the great things about the films is that they've always been about something," said Patrick Stewart, who has long played the patriarchal Charles Xavier. "From the first moments of the first film, when we found ourselves outside the gates of Auschwitz, the films have been fundamentally serious about the nature of prejudice and discrimination, and otherness. That has never been born from any of the X-Men movies."

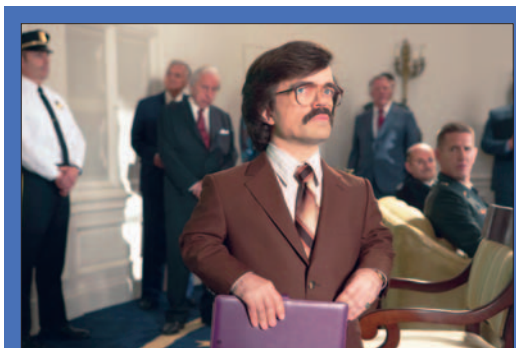
Stewart and Ian McKellen are the grand old men of the franchise, Stewart having played Charles as "X-Men" of 2000, with McKellen ever-present as his frenemy, the metal-manipulating Magneto. Among the younger members of what seems to be a movie-making fraternity is Ellen Page, who returns as the time-tampering Kitty Pryde/Shadowcat. She agreed with Stewart.

"The series explores otherness," she said. "And difference. And how the fear that we have about people who are different manifests itself in inequality and violence and suffering in the world today."

"It's what I find cool about the franchise, and why it's had the longevity it's had — the X-Men are deeply grounded and relatable and moving."

And they blow stuff up, and fight bad guys in 3-D.

"Days of Future Past," directed by Bryan Singer — who withdrew from the media campaign for his film because of recent sex-abuse allegations — is a sequel to both "X-Men: First Class" (2006) and the prematurely titled "X-Men: Last Stand" (2011). It marks a return to the series of Stewart, Page, Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Anna Paquin, Michael Fassbender, Nicholas Hoult, Jenni-



Peter Dinklage stars as evil industrialist Trask in "X-Men: Days of Future Past."

'X-MEN: DAYS OF FUTURE PAST' HAS NEW CHARACTERS

There haven't been quite as many X-Men (or Women) in the X-Men movies as there have been in the X-Men comics, but the cast grows each time around. Presenting your 2014 mutants, "Days of Future Past" edition, and one memorable villain:

Trask: The X-Men's worst enemy, Trask (played by Peter Dinklage, "Game of Thrones"), is an evil industrialist who sees mutants as a threat to humanity and liquidating them the only option.

Bishop: The energy-channeling/energy-absorbing Bishop is played by French import Omar Sy, whom foreign-film audiences will remember from the Oscar-nominated French film "The Intouchables." Playing a mutant is a long way from pushing an aristocrat in a wheelchair. "It's my first Hollywood movie and my first movie at all with this level of special effects," Sy said. "I learned a lot."

Quicksilver: Played by Evan Peters (FX's "American Horror Story"), Quicksilver has

moves that are literally quicker than the eye: An extended sequence in "Days of Future Past" involves his saving his new X friends by moving around a security team, altering the trajectory of their bullets and doing it at such a leisurely high speed it becomes low comedy. How the character will develop seems unclear. "It would definitely be fun playing a bad guy," Peters said. "He has a mischievous side. He could go both ways. He's kind of teasing ..."

Blink: Played by Chinese starlet Bingbing Fan ("Iron Man 3"), Blink isn't given much screen time, but she has dimension-warping powers that give her the ability to teleport her fellow mutants.

Warpth: With his super strength, agility and stamina, Warpth will provide an enormous asset on the battlefield. With his previous appearances in the "Twilight" series, Bobobo Stewart will provide an enormous asset at the box office for the X-Men.

Evan Peters, who plays the faster-than-light Quicksilver. "They don't have any cars."

"I pray every morning I'll stay in the club," laughed another newcomer, Omar Sy, who plays the energy-channeling Bishop.

Some of the established regulars appear fleetingly, others centrally — Jackman, for instance, who is playing the razor-taloned

Wolverine for the seventh time. McAvoy plays the younger version of Xavier, whom Wolverine encounters when Shadowcat sends him back to 1973.

"I have to be honest and say I have not, over the years, projected my youth onto James McAvoy," Stewart said. "But having seen it, I think it's brilliant."

The goal of time travel is to prevent the development of a super race of mutant-killing robots, based on the DNA of the shape-shifting Raven, aka Mystique (Lawrence). She has not yet become the assassin she would be when played by Rebecca Romijn in several earlier "X-Men" movies, but is certainly not under her scaly, royal-blue collar: She has discovered the horrors inflicted on mutants by Bolivar Trask (Peter Dinklage), an industrialist who has whipped the Nixon White House into a froth of mutant phobia and who must be stopped, lest the future become a hellish nightmare for our heroes. The idea that Trask is the Josef Mengele of the X-Men story won't be lost on many viewers.

"Trask is an interesting character," said Hoult, who plays the younger Beast. "But he's driven by fear; almost everyone is. Even the relationship between Xavier and Magneto. They take different means to the same end, but they both fit into the same world, and are alternately friends and enemies."

One of the more mundane aspects of "Days of Future Past" was getting the older/younger characters to correspond correctly with each other vocally: One can hear Stewart and McAvoy, for instance, modulating their accents — British and Scottish, respectively — to sound more alike. Hoult already had experience prepping to play the younger Beast, who in an earlier incarnation ("X-Men: Last Stand") was played by Kelsey Grammer (who has an uncredited cameo late in the film). "I watched a lot of 'Frasier,'" Hoult said, quite seriously. "But what I sounded like was more like Niles."

Comedy is no small part of "X-Men: Days of Future Past," or, for that matter, any of the films in the franchise. "We're always concerned with making it too serious, too dark," Hoult said. "We all warm more to people who may be in a terrible situation but try to cope — and have a sense of humor about it all."

From top left: Michael Fassbender, Hugh Jackman, Jennifer Lawrence and Nicholas Hoult star in Marvel Comics' "X-Men: Days of Future Past."

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fer Lawrence and James McAvoy.

Given the ruddy health of the ongoing enterprise ("X-Men: Apocalypse" arrives in 2016) and the way actors and characters come and go in its various chapters, it seems like some kind of club.

"It's a sweet club to be in," Page said.

"A club? I don't know," said newcomer

MUSIC

'We've come a hell of a long way'

Lights, lasers and LED: How concerts have shifted from songs to spectacles

BY STEVE KNOPPER
Special to The Washington Post

In the beginning, there was Alice Cooper. By the late '60s, rock bands had been tinkering with rudimentary special effects, like the oily projections the Grateful Dead and Jefferson Airplane used as psychedelic backdrops. Cooper, however, was a guerrilla showman. In addition to employing the snakes and guillotines that would make him famous, he and his resourceful crew cut up pillows and floated the feathers into strobe lights. They turned backstage mopps into weapons. Ron Volz, one of Cooper's early effects men, had spent his youth setting off fireworks. So when somebody on the crew suggested, "We can go get smoke bombs!" he bought some fireworks, twisted three wicks together and tied them out in a coffee can. The experiment worked.

During one of Cooper's encores, Volz crawled to the front of the stage, careful not to disturb the show, and lit the wicks in three separate cans. "It would proceed to smoke out the entire nightclub," recalls Volz, now an art director for dozens of music videos and TV commercials. "I'd burn my finger many times."

From these explosive but humble beginnings developed the modern, multimillion-dollar concert special-effects industry. Over time, smoke bombs gave way to pyrotechnics; levers and pulleys gave way to hydraulics; then robotics; strobe lights gave way to lasers; video advanced from oil on a projector lens to complex LED displays. Whenever Lady Gaga acts as the ring-leader in a circus of flames, explosions and spurting fake blood; whenever Taylor Swift surfs on a huge floating robot catwalk; whenever Pink spins in a spherical cage 30 feet high — that's because of generations of tinkers and pioneers, beginning with Volz, who risked their fingers for theatrical immortality.

"It's totally changed from what it used to be," says veteran effects man Jimmy Page Henderson, 67, vice president of Synchrolite, a Dallas lighting company. "Everything's digital now. It's so complicated now, you almost need to have a degree to go out and become a roadie."

Alice Cooper was one of rock's first great theatrical showmen. His 1973 Billion Dollar Babies tour included marionettes, a crazed dentist and floating weather balloons full of baby powder and play money. British rock bands such as Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd and Genesis picked up the mantle, beginning a keeping-up-with-the-Joneses era in rock-and-roll special effects that continues today.

The '70s and '80s were a time of elaborate experimentation, from Pink Floyd's flying pig to Parliament-Funkadelic's motting ship to the Plasmatics' exploding cars. In 1975, Led Zeppelin became one of the first bands to use an actual laser — a single red beam that connected the back of the stage to the audience.

In the late '70s, Michael Jackson worked with magician Doug Henning to achieve a special effect where he seemed trapped in a cage and, after an explosion, reappeared elsewhere. But the Jacksons' 1984 Victory tour was where Jackson turned tricks into art. The band opened every show with a brightly lit, "Star Wars"-style laser sword fight.

By the '90s, computers were beginning to coordinate mechanical productions to rhythmic click-tracks, removing human button-pushers and improving timing. U2's 1992 Zoo TV tour innovated video, stacking TVs on top of each other and displaying Bono's chit-chat of calling the president nightly on a big screen. Madonna's tours of that era, such as 1990's Blond Ambition and 1992's The Girlie Show, began to use video to support the stories she told on stage.

By the 2000s, computers and robotics had taken over. Theme parks, Cirque du Soleil and Hollywood movies were in-volving with computer-generated graphics, video, moving productions and green screens, and concerts followed their lead. Daft Punk took advantage of evolving laser technology and built pyramids and other spectacular light shapes.

In recent years, the biggest concerts have taken on a sleek, professional feel. U2's 360 tour, from 2009 to 2011, was almost overwhelmingly huge, with a bank of LEDs and colorful lights suspended from a spider-like structure in the middle of a stadium. For her tour beginning a year ago, Beyoncé eschewed elaborate video production to erect a wall of lights made out of mirrors and moving fixtures, in front of which she floated above the audience between two stages.

With the summer concert season about to blast into high gear with the latest and greatest in digital innovations, production designer Jake Berry can't help but reflect on the advances made within the industry. "Who would have thought, running oil over a lens and making all those psychedelic effects on a screen in the '60s, that now we would just have computer graphics?" he asks. "We've come a hell of a long way."



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MUSIC

**Santana**

Corazón (RCA/Sony Latin Iberia)

Carlos Santana has made raging, Latin-tinged psychedelia since his band's 1969 eponymous debut and 1970s hits such as "Oye Como Va" and "Black Magic Woman."

But the Mexican native has seldom embraced such a fully Latino-based album as he does here, in the superb "Corazón." Like 1999's "Supernatural," the new album matches Santana's nimble fingerings, fiery rhythms, and incendiary solos with the work of notable vocalists. Unlike that former effort, "Corazón" isn't vanilla. Instead, it brings in some

big names in Latin music — Miguel, Romeo Santos, and others — to push Santana to flavorful new heights. Or old heights, because the guitarist hasn't sounded this gutsy, frenetic, or mean since 1987's "Blues for Salvador."

Forget "Oye 2014" with Pitbull, "Corazón's" sole misstep. Backed by rugged Latin percussionists, Santana's guests keep this party unpolite yet elegant, with their hosts leading the charge. While Los Fabulosos Cadillacs tackle the palpitating cumbia "Mal Bicho," Juanes adds his liquid croon to the anthemic "La Flaca." Barking Brazilian Samuel Rosa raises the dead on "Saideira," Gloria Estefan passionately strolls through the rumba of "Besos de Lejos." Though "Una Noche en Nápoles" is "Corazón's" best vocal workout — a sensual meeting of Lila Downs, Niña Pastori and Soledad — the jamming salsa of "Yo Soy la Luz," co-starring drummer Cindy Blackman-Santana and legendary jazz saxophonist Wayne Shorter, is its zestiest.

—A.D. Amorosi
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Carlos Santana wants to save the world with music

By MESFIN FEKADU
The Associated Press

Try to speak with Carlos Santana about his new album, and he'll want to talk about another topic: changing the world.

The veteran musician says he is planning a concert aimed at encouraging and motivating the development of young black and Latino men in the wake of Trayvon Martin's death and Donald Sterling's racist comments. He wants to hold the event next year in Florida and is working with Harry Belafonte.

"I'm not show biz and entertainment; I'm an activist," he said. "I'm a person who with passion believes that we can change the world; we can transform hate and fear forever with the right songs and the right timing."

Santana's latest album, "Corazón," debuted at No. 9 on the Billboard 200 albums chart last week. It features Juanes, Gloria Estefan and Miguel.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Santana, 66, had advice for Jay Z, and talked about his tour with Rod Stewart.

How does it feel to release another album?

I feel really, really honored to gain people's trust.



People opened their hearts and their wallets. ... It allows me to do more things with my brother Harry Belafonte and (activist) Dolores Huerta. ... And so we want to have a concert and bring Jamie Foxx and different kinds of artists, musicians of all colors and utilize this attention and

this energy. ... Obviously (with) what happened with Donald Sterling and what's happening with people throwing bananas at soccer stadiums, you know, we have a lot to heal.

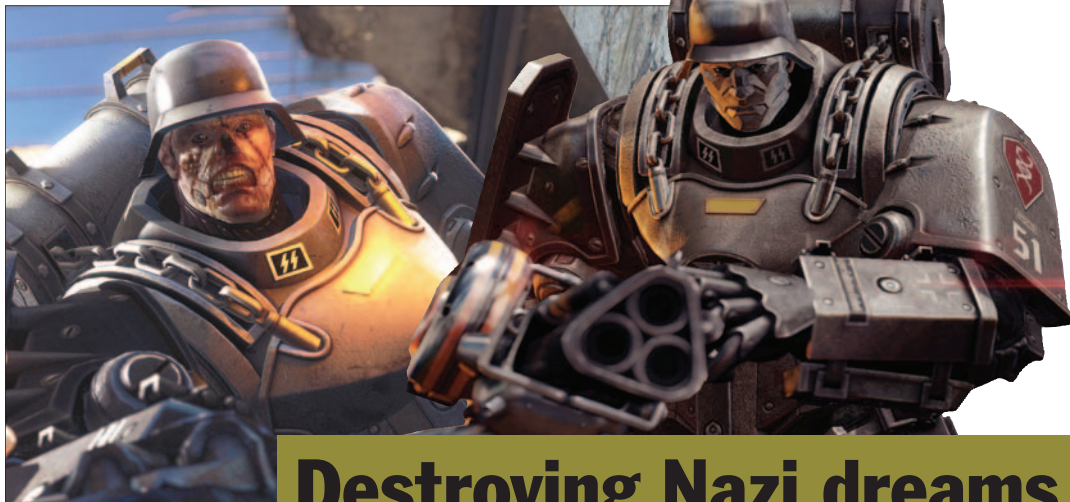
How did your tour with Rod Stewart come about?

I can say it the way Wayne Shorter and Herbie Hancock would say it, 'Both of us love to play spiritual music to touch all hearts.' That's one thing. The rascal in me ... says, 'We both love black music. We like to play black music for white people.'

There are a number of collaborative tours this summer, from Kiss and Def Leppard to Beyoncé and Jay Z. Who would you like to see hit the road together?

I'd like to see Metallica and Wayne Shorter and Herbie Hancock to broaden the wings. Metallica did a thing with a symphony, so they're capable, of course, of playing without volume or with volume. I just like to expand popularity with genius. ... I invite brothers like Jay Z who have the money to start bringing the African brothers back to the United States. Since 9/11, if your name is Idrissa Diop or if you have a Muslim name, they won't let you in. But they let the Irish people in and they let the Canadian people in and people from Australia. Man, how come you don't let the African people come in? ... If I had the money and the means that Jay Z has, I would bring African musicians. ... I'm going to invite them. We're going to create something like this in Las Vegas where we can co-headline, because these brothers need to be taken to schools in America so the brothers (here) can learn how to play the drums again. That's the thing I have in common with Africa — I understand the drum ... it's in my DNA.

VIDEO GAMES



Destroying Nazi dreams

‘Wolfenstein: The New Order’ lets players rewrite history

By TIM BOWERS

Special to Stars and Stripes

Desperate times call for determined heroes.

“Wolfenstein: The New Order” takes players to a hypothetical version of the 1960s, where the Nazis have won World War II because of superior technology. It revolves around a hulking hero named William B.J. Blaskowicz and his struggle against the Nazi war machine.

The mature-rated game from Bethesda Softworks starts off with an assault on a Nazi leader’s compound in 1946, immersing the player in a bloody battle through the deadly trenches and dark corridors of the tyrannical leader’s castle.

During this intense first chapter of the game, the player is presented with a choice that leads down two separate storylines. In these lines, Blaskowicz will encounter slightly different NPCs, gain different kinds of upgrades, experience new dialogue and unlock different areas. After the choice has been made, Blaskowicz receives a head wound in the fighting and loses consciousness.

All of this is only the first chapter of Blaskowicz’s tale. The player can experience Blaskowicz’s bravery through a total of 32 incredibly addictive chapters — 16 chapters per storyline.

When Blaskowicz awakens, he finds himself in a Polish mental hospital. It’s 14 years later, and the Nazis have conquered the world. And Blaskowicz knows he has a difficult job before him.

To accomplish missions, players must use a combination of stealth and firepower.

The idea of being a silent stalker might seem very appealing in the game’s dismal settings. However, stealth kills with a knife or a suppressed pistol can take you only so far before you’re forced into a gun fight.

Enemies tend to bunch up or watch over each other at many spots. And to make the stealthy approach even harder, there is no way to hide dead enemies after a successful knife kill, which leaves their bodies exposed for other Nazis to find. This forces the gamer to really plan out stealth assassinations — and even then there is a chance that they might be seen during the process. But even though the stealth aspect has its problems, it’s still enjoyable.

The gunfights are just as fun and they are generally jaw-dropping in their intensity. Explosions, destructible cover and even dismemberment are present in the firefights with Nazi troops. And to make things even more epic, the player is able to dual-wield

weapons. Now there are plenty of games that allow players to dual-wield pistols or submachine guns, but there is something supremely satisfying about running to-

ward a handful of Nazi soldiers firing two automatic shotguns, destroying their cover and their dreams.

Each level and chapter was masterfully created to give the player a feeling of the overpowering Nazi rule. From the constant swastika flags to the Nazis actually speaking German to each other, it is easy to feel a sense of despair while fighting almost single-handedly against what is history’s most feared regime. The developers also have placed newspaper clippings and photos with captions that provide the gamer with more information on how the Nazis

“won” the war and what life is like underneath the iron fist of the Third Reich.

There is no multiplayer for “Wolfenstein,” but that does not mean that it’s lack-

ing in playability. Each chapter has secrets and collectibles for the player to find, and some of them are only accessible by playing through both of the storylines and finding the secret rooms in them.

The secret rooms provide ammo, health, armor and even an area that might provide the player with a tactical advantage. Players are also able to find Nazi Enigma codes that allow the player to unlock different game modes.

Inquisitive players can even find a playable glimpse of the original “Wolfenstein” game, complete with old-school game music and pixelated Nazis.

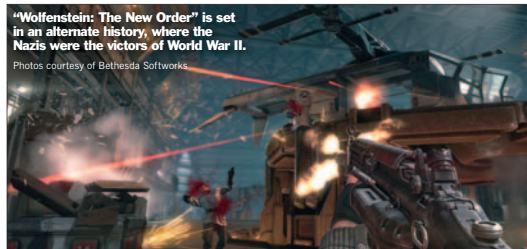
“Wolfenstein: The New Order” is a fantastic game that will both shock and entice gamers to play through the addictive storylines. With each mission, with each Nazi slain, a sense of accomplishment is achieved and a feeling of some ultimate goal being fulfilled draws the player in. It is challenging, yet fun, and does not have any truly significant faults with the game play. The only thing that could have been improved upon is the capability to hide bodies.

Bottom line: A There was never a dull moment throughout the entirety of the game.

Platforms: PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC
Online: wolfenstein.com



Overall grade: **A**



“Wolfenstein: The New Order” is set in an alternate history, where the Nazis were the victors of World War II.

Photos courtesy of Bethesda Softworks.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Tame your temper

Uncontrolled emotion can damage health, relationships

By PAMELA KNUDSON
Grand Forks (N.D.) Herald

Anger is a natural and normal reaction to life's unavoidable irritations, but uncontrolled, it can escalate and end up damaging one's health and relationships.

"Generally, (anger) is unhealthy coping," said Jill Calderon, a doctoral student in counseling psychology at the University of North Dakota.

And how we handle our anger is something we learned as children, she said.

Calderon recently led a six-week class on anger management for The Village Family Service Center in Grand Forks, N.D.

"Usually, what we see in people who (express) anger when stressed or upset is that they have grown up in a home where that was modeled."

The behaviors we see and experience as children become the model for how we behave later in life, she said.

"If you grew up with abuse, where anger was the predominant emotion in the home, you've learned that that's how you deal with stressors that come up: by getting angry."

"Everybody can feel when something doesn't feel good," she said. But "those are learned behaviors. It's a cycle."

That's not to say that people who were exposed to uncontrolled anger early in life automatically repeat that behavior as adults, she said.

"There are people definitely who make changes (due to) awareness. They get therapy and are conscious of how they treat their own kids."

"A lot of people consider anger a 'safe' emotion," Calderon said. "What we find under anger is hurt, most often."

In an anger-stressed household, "children learn that saying 'you hurt me' is not going to be received in a valid way," she said. "If they are open and vulnerable, their reaction will not be supported."

So, they learn other ways to react, she said. "They may not say anything at all or they may not react. As kids, we learn how to protect ourselves."

Children who grow up in abusive situations feel powerless, she said. If they received the brunt of the abuse, later "they use anger as a way to regain some of that power (to prevent) being taken advantage of or being put in a vulnerable position."

"They become this intimidating, angry type of person."

Tension-relieving tips

Think before you speak. In the heat of the moment, it's easy to say something you'll later regret. Take a few moments to collect your thoughts before saying anything — and allow others involved in the situation to do the same.

Once you're calm, express your anger. As soon as you're thinking clearly, express your frustration in an assertive but non-confrontational way. State your concerns and needs clearly and directly, without hurting others or trying to control them.

Take a timeout. Give yourself short breaks during the day that tend to be stressful. A few moments of quiet time might help you feel better prepared to better handle what's ahead.

Identify possible solutions. Instead of focusing on what made you mad, work on resolving the issue at hand. Is your partner late for dinner every night? Schedule meals later in the evening — or agree to eat on your own a few times a week. Remind yourself that anger won't fix anything and might only make it worse.

Don't hold a grudge. Forgiveness is a powerful tool. If you allow anger and other negative feelings to crowd out positive feelings, you might find yourself swallowed up by bitterness or a sense of injustice. But if you can forgive someone who angered you, you might both learn from the situation.

Know when to seek help. Learning to control anger can be a challenge for everyone. Consider seeking help for anger issues if your anger seems out of control, causes you to do things you regret or hurts those around you.

— Source: The Mayo Clinic

The angry behavior becomes a habit, she said.

The first step to getting anger under control is awareness, Calderon said. Increased awareness gives a person insight into where the behaviors come from, she said.

In her anger management class, Calderon teaches aspects of mindfulness, a type of meditation that calms chaotic thoughts and feelings and focuses the mind on the present.

"It helps people get in touch with what's happening internally," she said.

Sleep study shows mindset a powerful tool

By STEPHANIE EARLS
The Gazette (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

You've likely heard of the placebo effect, an outcome that cannot be attributed to a specific treatment or therapy, but rather is caused by a patient's mindset alone. As it turns out, the force behind the placebo effect — namely our beliefs and perceptions — might be one of the more powerful health tools in our arsenal.

A study by a Colorado College senior fellow student who was told they'd gotten a good night's sleep, even if they hadn't, performed better on tests that assessed attention and memory skills than students who were told they'd slept poorly, even if they were well rested. Christina Draganchik began her research on two experiments with 164 students, and a paper about the study, "Placebo Sleep Affects Cognitive Functioning," was published this year in the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition*.

The placebo effect is potent, time-proven medicine. In fact, it's speculated that between 30 percent and 90 percent of drugs and physician-prescribed therapies work,

at least in part, because patients believe they will.

The "nontraditional" placebo effect has been found to cause placebo ivy in test subjects exposed to fake plants, physical improvements in people who'd undergone fake surgeries and a coffee high in those imbibing placebo caffeine. A team of Harvard researchers even found that a group of motel maids' beliefs that they were logging significant exercise for the day led to weight loss, improved blood pressure and decreased body fat over the course of the morning.

"We've known about the regular placebo effect for thousands of years, but most of the time we hear about it in drug studies," said Kristi Erdal, a psychology professor at Colorado College and faculty supervisor for the study. "It's only been in the last decade or two that people have begun exploring the nontraditional placebo effect, branching out and pushing the envelope to see how far that can take you. I think our mindset affects a lot more of our behavior and our physiology than we ever thought."

For her senior thesis in neuroscience, Draganchik decided to see if the same concepts and manipulations could be applied

to sleep.

"Throughout college, I saw how students focused on their lack of sleep before taking an exam. I wondered if their scores were maybe influenced by their attitude regarding how tired they thought they were," said Draganchik, who graduated in 2012.

Because the study hinged on students' believing researchers could assess the quality of their previous night's sleep, Draganchik had to devise a legitimate-seeming fabrication. She first asked participants to fill out a questionnaire about how well they believed they'd slept the previous night, then, they were brought into the lab for a five-minute lesson about sleep.

"I told them sleep quality can be measured by the percent of time spent in REM sleep, and sleep quality often predicts cognitive functioning," Draganchik said. She then told them about a new, cutting-edge technique that allows researchers to assess an individual's REM sleep from the night before by measuring lingering biological markers such as heart rate and brain wave frequency.

"I know that sounds far-fetched — I did make it up," said Draganchik, "but we had a lot of things on our side to lend authority."

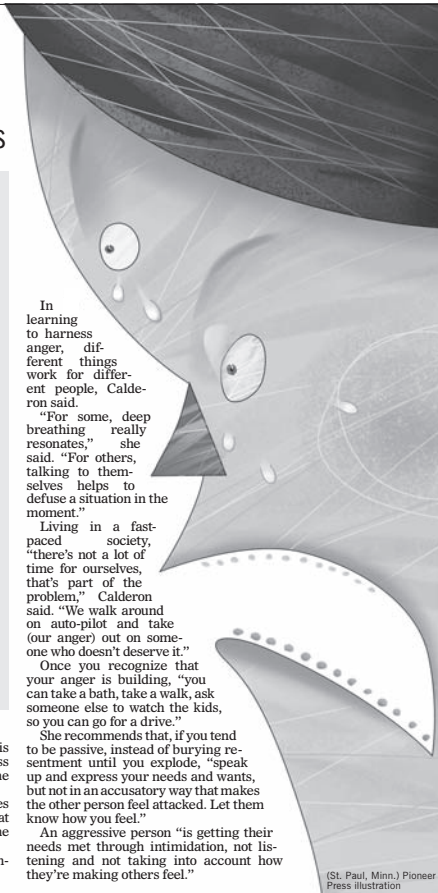


The Modesto (Calif.) Bee illustration

A study has found that students who were told they'd gotten a good night's sleep performed better on tests than those who were told they'd slept poorly.

There were "complicated drawings" up on the board in the lab and students were connected to an EEG machine that responded to their movements.

Participants then were given real tests to measure cognitive functioning. Generally, those who were told they didn't get enough sleep scored lower, while people who were told they'd slept well achieved higher-than-average marks.



(St. Paul, Minn.) Pioneer Press illustration

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Musk unveils craft to ferry astronauts

By RAQUEL MARIA DILLON
The Associated Press

HAWTHORNE, Calif. — A company that has flown unmanned capsules to the International Space Station unveiled a spacecraft designed to ferry up to seven astronauts to low-Earth orbit that SpaceX founder Elon Musk says will lower the cost of going to space.

The futuristic, cone-headed craft dubbed Dragon V2 featured landing legs that pop out and a propulsion system designed to land almost anywhere — “with the accuracy of a helicopter,” Musk said Thursday at the Southern California rocket builder’s headquarters near Los Angeles International Airport.

The technology would enable rapid reloading and reusability of the spacecraft, he said. He noted that in the past, many rockets and spacecraft return to Earth in a fireball, rendering them unusable.

“You can just reload, propel it



Jae C. Hong/AP

Invited guests walk up the steps to look at the inside of the SpaceX Dragon V2 spacecraft at the SpaceX headquarters on Thursday in Hawthorne, Calif.

and fly again,” Musk said. “This is extremely important for revolutionizing access to space because as long as we continue to throw away rockets and spacecrafts, we will never truly have access to space. It’ll always be incredibly

expensive.”

“If an aircraft is thrown away with each flight, nobody will be able to fly or very few (can),” he said. “The same is true with rockets and spacecraft.”

The capsule also features a

bright, sleek interior with swing-up computer screens at the control station, a two-level seating system to accommodate up to seven astronauts and large windows for them to marvel at Earth’s curvature. The cone-shaped cap can open to allow for the manned craft to dock at the space station on its own. The spacecraft also has more powerful engines, better heat shields, the landing legs and backup parachutes to ensure a soft landing.

MARKET WATCH

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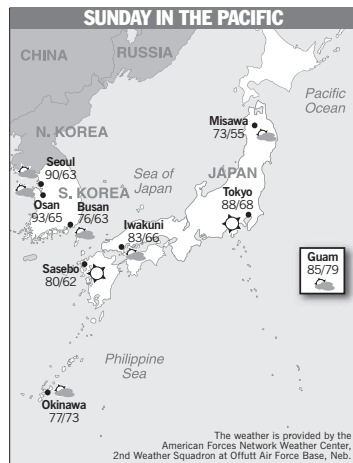
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INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.09
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.33

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Saturday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Tex	89	67	Clr	Chatanooga	88	66	Cldy	Fort Wayne	85	56	Clr	Louisville	86	65	Clr
Akron, Ohio	78	51	Clr	Cheyenne	77	50	Cldy	Fresno	90	59	Clr	Lubbock	86	64	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	74	49	PCldy	Chicago	82	57	Clr	Goodland	87	58	PCldy	Macon	89	65	Cldy
Albuquerque	89	63	PCldy	Cincinnati	83	61	Clr	Grand Junction	85	59	Cldy	Madison	82	54	PCldy
Allentown, Pa.	75	50	PCldy	Cleveland	77	53	Clr	Grand Rapids	80	56	Clr	Medford	81	52	PCldy
Amarillo	86	61	Cldy	Colorado Springs	85	51	Cldy	Great Falls	69	48	Rain	Memphis	88	69	Cldy
Anchorage	52	43	Rain	Columbia, S.C.	87	67	PCldy	Green Bay	80	51	Clr	Miami Beach	89	77	PCldy
Asheville	82	58	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	80	56	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	79	61	PCldy	Midland-Odesa	93	67	PCldy
Atlanta	86	67	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	67	48	Cldy	Harrisburg	77	54	Clr	Midvale	73	51	Clr
Atlantic City	73	53	PCldy	Corpus Christi	89	72	Cldy	Hartford Spfld	70	53	Cldy	Minneapolis	77	45	Rain
Austin	84	59	PCldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	85	69	Cldy	Honolulu	88	73	Clr	Missoula	77	45	Rain
Baltimore	78	57	PCldy	Dayton	80	56	Cldy	Houston	84	70	Rain	Mobile	68	55	PCldy
Baton Rouge	88	70	Rain	Daytona Beach	88	71	PCldy	Huntsville	90	67	Cldy	Montgomery	89	66	PCldy
Bilings	76	51	Rain	Denver	82	56	Cldy	Indianapolis	84	61	Cldy	Nashville	88	65	Cldy
Birmingham	86	68	PCldy	Des Moines	83	67	Cldy	Jacksonville	88	67	Clr	New Orleans	86	72	Cldy
Bismarck	76	58	Rain	Detroit	78	54	Cldy	Jacksonville	90	70	PCldy	New York City	73	56	PCldy
Boise	81	50	PCldy	Duluth	76	55	Rain	Juneau	69	47	Rain	North York	76	56	PCldy
Boston	62	52	PCldy	El Paso	97	73	PCldy	Kansas City	85	67	Cldy	North York	76	56	PCldy
Bridgeport	70	53	PCldy	Elkins	77	51	Clr	Key West	79	79	Cldy	North York	76	56	PCldy
Brownsville	89	74	Cldy	Erie	71	53	Clr	Knoxville	86	65	PCldy	Omaha	84	67	Cldy
Buffalo	75	52	Clr	Eugene	74	46	PCldy	Lake Charles	85	69	Rain	Orlando	91	70	PCldy
Burlington, Vt.	70	49	Clr	Evansville	86	66	PCldy	Lansing	87	68	Clr	Paducah	87	68	Clr
Caribou, Maine	65	48	Clr	Fairbanks	63	49	Cldy	Las Vegas	98	76	Clr	Pendleton	80	50	PCldy
Casper	89	47	PCldy	Fargo	73	64	Rain	Lexington	83	61	Clr	Penn.	84	67	PCldy
Charleston, S.C.	87	68	Cldy	Flagstaff	77	46	Clr	Lincoln	85	67	Cldy	Philadelphia	75	58	PCldy
Charleston, W.Va.	83	56	Clr	Flint	79	49	Clr	Little Rock	86	68	Cldy	Phoenix	105	80	Clr
Charlotte, N.C.	84	65	Cldy	Fort Smith	83	66	Cldy	Los Angeles	80	61	PCldy	Pittsburgh	78	53	Clr

The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

National temperature extremes
Hi: Thu., 106, Needles, Calif. and Death Valley, Calif.
Lo: Thu., 21, Stanley, Idaho

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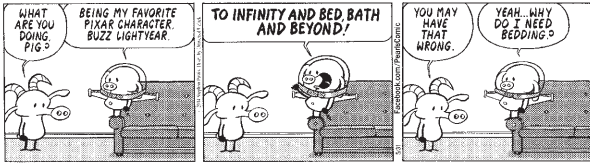
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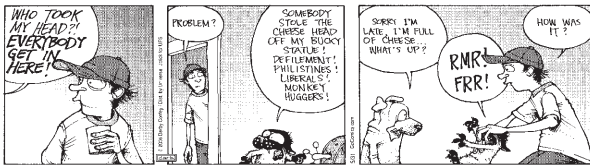
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Candorville



Get Fuzzy



Doonesbury



Fort Knox



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11
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51						52				53		
54						55				56		

ACROSS

- Griffin of game shows
- React in horror
- Use a ray gun

DOWN

- Church service
- A Great Lake
- Latvia's capital
- Woman of letters?
- Electrician in Hollywood
- Woody's son
- Ornamental beetle
- "Bam!"
- Naught
- Settled down
- Meerschbaun, for one
- Thackeray novel
- Actor Joe

- 1865 villain
- No mere cold
- Once around
- Mel of Cooperstown
- Hearty quaff
- Mal de —
- Egos' counterparts
- Chess piece
- Groomsman, often
- Bound
- Cruising
- Superman alter ego
- Approached home, maybe
- Actress Swenson
- Put the kibosh on
- Smacks
- Be in debt

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	H	A	M	E	T	E	R	A	M	P
M	A	P	O	D	I	N	A	R	I	A
P	L	O	D	D	I	N	G	C	E	N
	S	U	E	T			S	K	A	T
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U	R	A	L		P	L	A	N	T	I
M	A	T		S	H	I	N	S		N
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	B	A	L	K		L	A	C	E	Y
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CRYPTOQUIP

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J MLR MJJF, TJ SYE
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I NJRML.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A PENNILESS GUY WHO REALLY LIKED SPECIFIC KINDS OF NUTS WAS CRYING "ALMONDS FOR THE POOR!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals A



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The first Stars and Stripes was produced by Union soldiers during the Civil War. In 1861, using the facilities of a captured newspaper office in Bloomfield, Mo., they ran off a one-page paper.

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Honorable Mention
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2011 Military Photographer of the Year –
Honorable Mention
Recipient: Joshua DeMotts

2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award –
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Circulation 100,001+ or Affiliated
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Recipient: Laura Rauch: "For those
I love I will sacrifice"

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Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

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Recipient: Jon Rabbitt

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First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) –
Third Place: News Series
(Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)

2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism –
George Polk Award for Military Reporting
Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III
and Kevin Baron

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Custom Publication Design: Stripes GAMER

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Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipient: Monte Morin

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Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipients: Monte Morin, Joe Giordano;
Honorable mention: Nancy Montgomery
Photography: Fred Zimmerman

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Youth Oriented Ad Series/Campaign:
Stripes GAMER;
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Recipient: Steve Liever
Photography: Terry Boyd

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Pro soccer

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE						
W	L	T	Pts	GF/GA	W	L	T	Pts	GF/GA		
New England	7	3	2	23	21	Seattle	8	3	2	26	25
Portland	6	4	3	21	13	Real Salt Lake	7	4	3	24	13
Chicago	5	4	3	19	17	Colorado	5	5	4	18	15
Houston	5	5	7	17	22	FC Dallas	5	6	18	18	22
Columbus	4	4	16	14	Portland	5	5	6	17	18	
New York	3	5	6	15	20	San Jose	3	7	16	20	
Toronto FC	3	5	6	15	20	San Antonio	3	7	16	20	
Philadelphia	2	3	6	12	19	San Jose	3	4	13	13	
Chicago	1	6	4	9	22	San Jose	3	4	13	12	
	1	6	4	9	22		3	4	13	12	

Note: Three points for victory, one for a draw.

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday's games				
Portland 2, Chivas USA 0				
Real Salt Lake at Seattle FC				
Columbus at Toronto FC				
New England at Montreal				
Sporting Kansas City at D.C. United				
San Jose at FC Dallas				
Philadelphia at Chivas USA				
San Jose at Chicago				
Houston at Colorado				
Vancouver at Portland				
Wednesday, June 4				
Real Salt Lake at Columbus				
Chicago at Colorado				
Friday, June 6				
Sporting Kansas City at Houston				
San Jose at Toronto FC				
Columbus at D.C. United				
San Jose at Philadelphia				
Colorado at FC Dallas				
Portland at Real Salt Lake				
San Jose at New England				
Chivas USA at Los Angeles				

NWSL						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	7	0	2	23	19	7
Chicago	6	2	1	19	15	6
FC Kansas City	4	4	3	15	18	16
Portland	4	3	2	14	10	10
Washington	4	4	1	13	17	18
Western New York	3	3	2	11	13	11
Sky Blue FC	2	4	4	10	10	15
Boston	2	6	0	6	11	19
Houston	1	7	1	4	8	19

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday's games				
Chicago at Sky Blue FC				
Boston 4, Portland 1				
Seattle at New York				
Saturday's games				
Houston at Western New York				
Seattle FC at Sky Blue FC				
Washington at Boston				
Wednesday, June 4				
Western New York at FC Kansas City				
Washington at Portland				
Thursday, June 7				
Boston at FC Kansas City				
Western New York at Portland				
Chicago at Seattle FC				
Sunday, June 8				
Houston at Sky Blue FC				

Pro basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	T	Pct	GB	W	L	T	Pct	GB
Chicago	4	2	1	.667	Minnesota	5	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	2	2	2	.500	Los Angeles	4	1	.667	—
New York	2	2	2	.500	Phoenix	2	2	.500	—
Indiana	2	2	2	.500	San Antonio	2	2	.500	—
Connecticut	1	4	1	.200	Seattle	1	4	.200	—

Wednesday's games				
San Antonio 82, Tulsa 79				
Thursday's games				
Indiana 79, Connecticut 65				
Friday's games				
New York at Washington				
Seattle at Atlanta				
San Antonio at Minnesota				
Connecticut at Chicago				
Tulsa at Phoenix				
Saturday's games				
New York at Indiana				

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

College baseball

Thursday's scores

Tournaments				
NCAA Division II				
Tampa 3, Colorado 0 (3-23)				
Minn. St. (Mankato) 5, Southern Indiana 1				

NCAA Division I tournament

Double Elimination, 1st necessary				
At Davenport Field, Charlottesville, Va.				
Game 1 — Virginia (44-13) vs. Bucknell (30-11)				
Game 2 — Liberty (41-16) vs. Arkansas (38-23)				

Saturday, May 31				
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 winner				
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 loser				

Sunday, June 1				
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser				
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner				

Monday, June 2				
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner				

At Carolina Stadium, Columbia, S.C.				
Game 1 — Old Dominion (36-24) vs. Maryland (36-24)				
Game 2 — South Carolina (42-16) vs. Campbell (49-19)				

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At Alfred A. McKeithan Stadium, Gainesville, Fla.				
Game 1 — North Carolina (34-25) vs. Long Beach State (22-24)				
Game 2 — Florida (40-21) vs. College of Charleston (41-17)				

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At A-Rod Park at Mark Light Field, Coral Gables, Fla.				
Game 1 — Columbia (29-18) vs. Texas Tech (40-18)				
Game 2 — Miami (41-17) vs. Bethune-Cookman (29-31)				

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At Dick Howser Stadium, Tallahassee, Fla.				
Game 1 — Mississippi State (37-21) vs. Alabama (34-22)				
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Golf

The Memorial

PGA Tour				
Thursday				
At Muirfield Village Club course, Dublin, Ohio				
Purse: \$6.2 million				
Yardage: 7,282; Par: (36-36)				
First Round				

SPORTS BRIEFS

McIlroy gets off to hot start at Memorial

The Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ohio — Whether it's his health or his personal life, Rory McIlroy is not easily distracted when he's on top of his game.

McIlroy made two eagles and three birdies on the back nine at Muirfield Village — along with a double bogey — on his way to a 9-under 63 and a three-shot lead Thursday after the opening round of the Memorial.

A week ago, McIlroy began his week at Wentworth by announcing he and tennis star Caroline Wozniacki had broken off their engagement. Then, he went out and won the BMW Championship for his strongest win in more than two years.

At the Memorial, McIlroy caught his spikes in the turf on his second shot at the seventh hole and felt pain the rest of the round, especially when he had to put a little extra pop into tee shots or long irons. He was limping when he walked off the stage after talking about how he made five birdies and two eagles after hurting his knee. It was the lowest opening round in 39 years at the Memorial.

Masters champion Bubba Watson, Chris Kirk and Paul Casey each had a 66 while playing in calmer and slightly softer morning conditions. Keegan Bradley was at 67, notable not because it was his best score at Muirfield Village but because it was his first time in his four years on the PGA Tour that he did not use a belly putter.

Adam Scott, who won at Colonial last week in his debut at No. 1 in the world, lost momentum with a shot into the water for double bogey on No. 9, and he missed some birdie and eagle chances on the back nine that would have allowed him to stay close with McIlroy. He settled for a 69.

Phil Mickelson also looked sharp — at least for 15 holes. He was at 5 under after a birdie on the 15th hole — at the time, just one shot out of the lead. But he hit into the water on the par-3 16th and did well to escape with bogey. He came up short on the 17th and muffed two flops shots on his way to double bogey. And he finished with another double bogey by three-putting the 18th. That gave him a 72.



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Rory McIlroy reacts from the rough during the second round of the Memorial golf tournament on Friday in Dublin, Ohio.

Armed Forces Bowl set for January kickoff

FORT WORTH, Texas — The Armed Forces Bowl will be played in January for the first time. Bowl officials announced Thursday that the 12th annual

game on the TCU campus in Fort Worth, Texas, will be played next Jan. 2.

If Army becomes bowl eligible during the upcoming season, the Black Knights will have a spot in the game that is scheduled for an 11 a.m. Central kick-

off. The opposing team is set to come from the American Athletic Conference.

Middle Tennessee State defeated Navy 24-6 in the Armed Forces Bowl last Dec. 30.

After the first four games (2003-06) were played on Dec. 23 each year, the bowl has since been held on Dec. 30 or 31, with the exception of 2012 when it was played Dec. 29.

Arizona extends Rodriguez's contract

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona coach Rich Rodriguez has agreed to a two-year contract extension through 2019 that will raise his base salary to \$1.9 million.

The extension must be approved by the Arizona Board of Regents when it meets June 5-6. Rodriguez has led the Wildcats to a pair of 8-5 seasons and two bowl wins since arriving in Tucson.

Rodriguez will receive \$500,000 for peripheral duties like radio and TV appearances, and has numerous performance incentives, including \$1 million for a national title and \$300,000 for a Pac-12 championship.

Arizona athletic director Greg Byrne also has agreed to a one-year contract extension through 2019 that will raise his base salary to \$725,000 by the end of the deal.

In addition, a university donor created a retention plan that would keep Rodriguez, Byrne and men's basketball coach Sean Miller in Tucson for the next eight years.

Under the plan, they would receive part of a \$500,000-unit donation of a Master Limited Partnership to the University of Arizona Foundation if they are still employed by the school after eight years. Rodriguez would receive 175,000 units and Byrne 100,000 under the proposal.

Both would receive a prorated amount from the unit value through the first four years.

The MLP units were valued at \$35.36 each as of May 12 for a total donation of \$17.68 million.

Other college football news: ■ Arizona State coach Todd Graham has agreed to a one-year

contract extension through 2019 that will raise his base salary to \$2.7 million next season.

Graham has coached in Tempe for two seasons with a record of 18-9. He led the Sun Devils to a bowl victory his first season and took them to the Pac-12 championship game last season.

Graham also will have numerous performance and academic incentives, including a bonus of 50 percent of his salary for winning a national championship and a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or a graduation rate of 95 percent for his team.

Jets' Mornhinweg: QB competition isn't '50-50'

NEW YORK — Jets offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg acknowledges that the quarterback competition between Geno Smith and Michael Vick isn't quite "50-50."

During a conference call with season ticket holders Thursday, Mornhinweg insisted — as coach Rex Ryan has all offseason — that the quarterbacks will compete for the job. But he added that the competition between Smith and Vick won't be exactly like last summer, when "everything was 50-50" between Smith and Mark Sanchez.

Mornhinweg recently said the team's goal is to make sure Smith progresses, indicating that Smith had a slight edge over Vick entering the competition.

Vick has said that it's "not an open competition" and Smith is the starter, while Ryan has insisted both quarterbacks will compete for the job.

■ The NFL has suspended Arizona Cardinals inside linebacker Daryl Washington for one year for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

The punishment, announced Friday, was for substance abuse and did not mention his recent guilty plea to assaulting his ex-girlfriend.

Washington, considered among the best in the NFL at his position, was suspended for the first four games of last season for violating the substance abuse policy.

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AUTO RACING



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Kurt Busch finished sixth in the Indianapolis 500, his first time competing in the race.

Emotional Busch earns top Indy rookie award

By JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

After his whirlwind month, Kurt Busch earned a one-day trip to Virginia International Raceway for a day of road course testing with Stewart-Haas Racing.

His first day off finally came Wednesday, when Busch finally got to reflect on becoming the fourth driver to run both the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 on the same day. Although he came up short in his bid to complete all 1,100 miles, he earned widespread praise for his strong showing in his first career IndyCar race.

An engine failure cut short his run in the NASCAR race, but Busch was sixth in the Indy 500 and earned the rookie of the year honors at the post-race awards banquet. Busch fought back tears as he accepted his award and thanked team owner Michael Andretti for the opportunity.

"This whole dream of mine started two years ago when my career was at a crossroads," said Busch, who lost his ride with Roger Penske after the 2011 season. "Michael Andretti, I met up with him, and I'll tell you, it was a unique chance to talk to him about running a NASCAR team and it was like, 'Hey, if you've got an open-wheel ride, I'd like to try out that Indy 500.' And he said, 'Kid, you can come race for me anytime.'"

Rare red flag: When Townsend Bell crashed with 10 laps to go in the Indianapolis 500, race control took the unprecedented step of stopping the race to clean up debris.

The move came two days after top team owner Chip Ganassi called on IndyCar to adopt NASCAR's policy of using green-white-checked flag finishes to ensure fans see a race to the end, instead of events ending under caution.

IndyCar did not go that route, instead choosing to

red-flag the race for a delay that lasted a little more than 10 minutes. The restart led to a six-lap sprint to the finish and Ryan Hunter-Reay beat Helio Castroneves by 0.06 seconds, the second-closest finish in Indy 500 history.

"In previous 500s, we would have just run out under caution, so kudos to race control for giving the fans the finish they wanted to see," reigning IndyCar champion Scott Dixon said.

Juan Pablo Montoya, who spent the past seven seasons in NASCAR, said he was "shocked" by the red flag. But, the 2000 Indianapolis 500 winner believed it was the right call.

Dover grand marshals: Dover International Speedway has named country music star Luke Bryan co-grand marshal of Sunday's race along with Joey Principe, a 17-year-old Delaware native with Asperger's syndrome. The race is sponsored by FedEx and is called the FedEx 400 benefiting Autism Speaks. Principe is about to complete his junior year at Delcastle Technical High School in Newport, Del. He has a 15-year-old sister, Samantha, who has autism.

Engine penalties: Honda was docked 50 engine manufacturer championship points for unapproved engine changes on five cars at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The engines were changed on the cars for Takuma Sato, Graham Rahal, Justin Wilson, James Hinchcliffe and Carlos Munoz. IndyCar also issued 10-point penalties to four teams and drivers for unapproved engine changes. They were: Jacques Villeneuve and Schmidt Peterson Motorsports, Oriol Servia and Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, Martin Plowman and A.J. Foyt Racing, and Alex Tagliani and Sarah Fisher Hartman Racing. Later, Chevrolet and Honda were penalized 10 engine manufacturer points for engine changes under mileage in the Ed Carpenter Racing entry driven by Carpenter and the Andretti Autosport car driven by Marco Andretti.

Around the track

SPRINT CUP

This week: FedEx 400 at Dover, Del.

TV: AFN-Xtra, 7 p.m. Sunday, Central European Time.

Track: Dover International Speedway (oval, 1.0 miles).

Race distance: 400 miles, 400 laps.

Last year: Tony Stewart ended a 30-race victory drought, racing to the last of his 48 Cup victories.

Last week: Jimmie Johnson won the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte for his first victory of the season. The six-time series champion won the race for the fourth time for the most Cup victories at the track with seven.

Next race: Pocono 400, June 8, Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Penn.

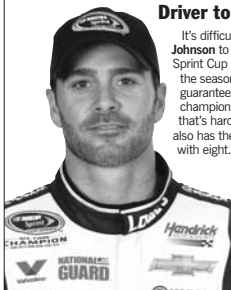
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Driver standings

1. Jeff Gordon	432
2. Matt Kenseth	421
3. Kyle Busch	408
4. Carl Edwards	408
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	394
6. Jimmie Johnson	388
7. Joey Logano	378
8. Brian Vickers	365
9. Brad Keselowski	361
10. Ryan Newman	351
11. Greg Biffle	351
12. Kevin Harvick	345
13. Kyle Larson	344
14. Denny Hamlin	340
15. Austin Dillon	334
16. Paul Menard	328
17. Kasey Kahne	324
18. A.J. Allmendinger	314
19. Aric Almirola	312
20. Clint Bowyer	309

Driver to watch

It's difficult to pick anyone other than Jimmie Johnson to watch in this race. The six-time Sprint Cup series champion won his first race of the season last week in the Coca-Cola 600, guaranteeing him a spot in the Chase for the championship at the end of the season. But that's hardly the only reason to watch him. He also has the record for the most victories at Dover with eight.



CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

This week: Lucas Oil 200 at Dover, Del.

Track: Dover International Speedway (oval, 1.0 miles).

Race distance: 200 miles, 200 laps.

Last year: Kyle Busch won the third of his five 2013 series victories.

Last race: Busch raced to his third victory this year, dominating at Charlotte on May 16.

Next race: WinStar World Casino and Resort 400, June 6, Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Texas.

Online: nascar.com

VERIZON INDYCAR

This week: Chevrolet Indy Dual in Detroit, Mich.

TV: AFN-Xtra, Race 1 (live), 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Central European Time. Race 2 (delayed), 3 a.m. Monday, Central European Time.

Track: The Raceway at Belle Isle Park (street course, 2.36 miles).

Race distances: 164.22 miles, 70 laps.

Last year: Mike Conway won the doubleheader opener, and Simon Pagenaud took the second race.

Last week: Andretti Autosport's Ryan Hunter-Reay won the Indianapolis 500.

Next race: Firestone 600, June 7, Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Texas.

Online: indycar.com

NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING

This week: NHRA Summer Nationals at Englishtown, N.J.

TV: Delayed, AFN-Xtra, 5:30 a.m. Monday, Central European Time.

Track: Old Bridge Township Raceway Park.

Last year: Shawn Langdon won Top Fuel. Other winners were Matt Hagan (Funny Car), Mike Edwards (Pro Stock) and Michael Ray (Pro Stock Motorcycle).

Last week: Courtney Force won the Kansas Nationals in Funny Car. Spencer Masson won Top Fuel, and Allen Johnson won Pro Stock.

Next event: Thunder Valley Nationals, June 13-15, Bristol Dragway, Bristol, Tenn.

Online: nhra.com

FORMULA ONE

Next race: Canadian Grand Prix, June 8, Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal.

Last week: Nico Rosberg won the Monaco Grand Prix. Lewis Hamilton was second.

Online: formula1.com

FRENCH OPEN/NFL



MICHEL SPINLER/AP

Novak Djokovic points to the line during his third-round match with Marin Cilic at Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, on Friday. Djokovic won 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-4 to earn a spot in the fourth round.

Djokovic, Federer reach 4th round

3rd-seeded Radwanska latest favorite out on women's side

By JEROME PUGMIRE
The Associated Press

PARIS — Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer both needed four sets to reach the fourth round of the French Open on Friday.

The second-seeded Serb won 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-4 against Marin Cilic, improving to 9-0 in their head-to-head meetings, but looked sluggish at times.

Federer, meanwhile, was in total control before wasting four set points in the second set on his way to a 7-5, 6-7 (7), 6-2, 6-4 win against Dmitry Tursunov.

"He played really well and went for big shots," Federer said. "It was difficult to finish the match, so obviously I'm relieved."

Djokovic dropped serve early to trail 3-1, made sloppy unforced errors in the tiebreaker, and was broken back in the fourth set after leading 4-2. He sealed the victory on his first match point when the 25th-seeded Croat double-faulted.

The six-time Grand Slam champion next plays 13th-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France.

Djokovic is looking to win the French Open for the first time and to eight-time champion Rafael Nadal in the semifinals last year.

Federer, who had won his opening two matches in straight sets, converted only four of his 21 break-point opportunities against the 31st-seeded Russian.

The 17-time Grand Slam champion even joked when asked moments after the match if his poor conversion rate worried him.

"I pretend there isn't a problem," he said, breaking into a huge grin. "I'll go for the next one, and the next one, and the next one."

Federer is trying to win the title at Roland Garros for the second time. He is the 2009 cham-



Radwanska

pion, but lost in the quarterfinals last year. The Swiss star next plays No. 18 Ernest Gulbis of Latvia, who reached the fourth round here for the first time since 2008 — the year he reached the last eight — after beating Radek Stepanek 6-3, 6-2, 7-5.

"I don't want to tell all my cards. But I have a game plan," Gulbis said. "You don't need to be scared to do certain things against him, because most of the people they go on the court and they lose before it has started."

In the women's third round, third-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska became the latest favorite to be eliminated, losing 6-4, 6-4 to unseeded Ajla Tomljanovic.

The loss means the top three seeded women have all been eliminated, following the exits of No. 1 Serena Williams and No. 2 Li Na.

It was the earliest Grand Slam exit for Radwanska, the 2012 Wimbledon finalist, since losses in the third round here two years ago. She reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open and Roland Garros last year, the semifinals at Wimbledon and the fourth round at the U.S. Open.

Her loss leaves No. 4 Simona Halep of Romania as the highest-seeded woman remaining, although No. 7 Maria Sharapova of Russia is now arguably the clear favorite. Sharapova beat Paula Ormachea 6-0, 6-0 in 51 minutes on Friday.

Scoreboard

Friday
At Stade Roland Garros
Paris
Purse: \$34.12 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles

Men
Third Round

Ernest Gulbis (18), Latvia, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5.
Roger Federer (4), Switzerland, def. Dmitry Tursunov (31), Russia, 7-5, 6-7 (7), 6-2, 6-4.

Women
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Marin Cilic (29), Croatia, 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-4.
John Isner (10), United States, def. Tommy Robredo (17), Spain, 7-6 (13), 7-6 (3), 6-7 (5), 7-5.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (13), France, def. Roberto Bautista Agut (27), Spain, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.
Jerzy Janowicz (22), Poland, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

Third Round
Ajla Tomljanovic (1), France, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, 6-4, 6-4.
Mark Stosur (19), Australia, def. Dominika Cibulkova (9), Slovakia, 6-4, 6-4.
Garbine Muguruzza, Spain, def. Anna Schmiedova, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-4.

Maria Sharapova (7), Russia, def. Paula Ormachea, Argentina, 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles
Second Round

Julien Benneteau and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (1), France, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, and Mariniko Matosevic, Australia, 1-6, 7-5, 6-0.

Mate Pavic, Croatia, and Andre Sa, Brazil, def. Tret Huey, Philippines, and Dominic Inglot (7), Britain, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6).

Marin Draganja, Croatia, and Florin Mergea, Romania, def. Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, and Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-4.

Maximo Gonzalez and Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Eric Butorac, United States, and Raven Klaasen (14), South Africa, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Michael Llodra and Nicolas Mahut (5), France, def. Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Scott Lipsky, United States, 7-6 (2), 6-4.

Andre Begemann, Germany, and Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Alexander Peya, Austria, and Bruno Soares (2), Brazil, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Jamie Murray, Britain, and John Peers (15), Australia, def. Simone Bolelli and Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-4, 6-3.

Jack Sock, United States, and Iago Sousa, Portugal, def. Pablo Andujes, Uruguay, and Horacio Zeballos (15), Argentina, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Feliciano Lopez, Spain, and Jurgen Melzer, Austria, def. Henri Kontinen and Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-3, 6-4.

Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, and Sam Groth, Australia, def. David Marrero, Spain, and Fernando Verdasco (4), Spain, 7-6 (7), 6-4.

Women
Second Round

Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Peng Shuai (1), China, def. Vera Dushvina, Russia, and Zheng Saisai, China, 6-1, 6-3.

Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, and Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, def. Sharon Fichman, Canada, and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, walkover.

Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Flavia Pennetta (12), Italy, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, and Janette Husárová, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-3.

Andrea Petkovic, Germany, and Magdalena Rybakovic, Slovakia, def. Klara Koukalova, Czech Republic, and Monica Niculescu (14), Romania, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Maria Erakovic, New Zealand, and Arantxa Parra Santonja (16), Spain, def. Kristina Barrois and Annika Beck, Germany, 7-5, 6-1.

Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (2), Italy, def. Shuko Aoyama, Japan, and Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.

Klara Koukalova, Czech Republic, and Alexandra Panova, Russia, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany, and Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-3.

Goodell responds to NLFPA criticism

By MATT CARROLL
The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell responded Thursday night to criticisms by NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith, who contended a double standard exists when it comes to the league doling out punishments.

In comments to ESPN earlier Thursday, Smith specifically addressed the delayed discipline of Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay, who has yet to be punished by Goodell after being arrested in March for allegedly operating a vehicle while intoxicated and while in the possession of prescription drugs and \$29,000 in cash. Irsay was formally charged Friday.

"The personal conduct policy applies to commissioners, owners, players, coaches," Goodell told reporters at the New England Patriots' team facility. "It applies to all of us. We all have a responsibility to do things the right way. There are several players that we haven't taken any action on, either."

"We like to get the facts, we like to be thorough and we like to understand them. Charges were just filed last week. I don't believe there's a credibility gap."

Goodell was at Foxborough to speak at a football safety clinic for mothers, a program aimed at furthering safer play at all levels of the game.

Smith pointed toward Goodell's swift and sometimes harsh action when dealing with troubled players in the past.

"The commissioner understands that there is a significant credibility gap that exists in the National Football League," Smith said. "What troubles our players is the speed and the deliberateness of the punishment that they have seen in the past when it comes to a player."

"There isn't the same speed or deliberate action when it comes to

an owner, and that's a problem."

Goodell said the league has yet to collect all the facts on Irsay's case.

"You can judge us when we make our final determinations, which you undoubtedly will, and so will everybody else," he said. "That's fair. But don't make judgments until we've had an opportunity to do what's in the best interest of everyone, which is getting the facts. Everybody wants process. DeMaurice Smith talks about process all the time."

"The process is important."

The safety program organized by the Patriots comes more than a week after a group of retired players filed another lawsuit against the league, accusing team doctors and trainers of supplying them with powerful painkillers later in life.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of more than 500 former players, charges the NFL with placing profits ahead of players' health.

Goodell addressed the league's continued role in the education and pursuit of safer play.

"We want you to learn the right techniques from the moment you play, regardless if you play one year, two years, or if you play flag football," he said. "I think our popularity, the platform we have, gives us an opportunity and a responsibility to make the game safer, not only at the NFL level to protect our players, but also at every other level of football, and frankly, sports in general."

Patriots owner Robert Kraft said the health and safety of his players have never been greater in his 20-plus years of owning the team.

"I know I'm a better human being from having played the game, and when I played, it wasn't as safe as it is now," he said. "So, I'm a big believer in the lessons you learn in football."



STEPHAN SAVOIA/AP

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, right, and New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft address members of the media after a football safety clinic for mothers on Thursday in Foxborough, Mass.

MLB SCOREBOARD

American League

	East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	32	23	582		
New York	28	24	536	2½	
Baltimore	26	26	500	4½	
Boston	25	27	494	5½	
Tampa Bay	23	31	426	8½	

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	30	20	600	—
Chicago	28	27	509	4½
Kansas City	26	28	472	6½
Minnesota	24	27	471	6½
Cleveland	20	30	404	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	32	22	593	—
Los Angeles	30	23	566	1½
Texas	28	26	519	4
Seattle	26	27	491	5½
Houston	23	32	418	9½

National League

	East Division		Pct	GB
Atlanta	28	25	.528	—
Miami	28	25	.528	—
Washington	25	27	.481	2½
New York	25	28	.472	3
Philadelphia	23	28	.451	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	32	22	593	—
St. Louis	30	23	567	3
Pittsburgh	24	29	453	7½
Cincinnati	20	30	404	8
Chicago	19	32	373	11½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	31	19	618	—
Colorado	28	25	528	6½
Los Angeles	29	26	521	7
Arizona	24	30	444	11
San Diego	23	33	411	13

Wednesday's games

Houston 9, Kansas City 2	Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 2
Chicago White Sox 3, Cleveland 2	Texas 1, Minnesota 0
Oakland 3, Detroit 1	Seattle 3, L.A. Angels 1
N.Y. Mets 5, Pittsburgh 0	N.Y. Yankees 7, St. Louis 4
San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 0	Philadelphia 6, Colorado 3
Miami 8, Washington 5, 10 innings	Boston 4, Atlanta 0
Milwaukee 6, Baltimore 3	N.Y. Yankees 7, St. Louis 4
Arizona 12, San Diego 6	Cincinnati 5, L.A. Dodgers 2

Thursday's games

Texas 5, Minnesota 2	Detroit 5, Oakland 4
Kansas City 8, Toronto 6, 10 innings	Houston 3, Baltimore 1
L.A. Angels 7, Philadelphia 1	Boston 4, Atlanta 0
San Francisco 5, St. Louis 5	Arizona 4, Cincinnati 0
Pittsburgh 3, L.A. Dodgers 3	Minnesota 4, N.Y. Yankees 0
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 1	Tampa Bay at Boston
Atlanta at Seattle	L.A. Angels at Oakland
Colorado at Cleveland	N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia
San Diego at Chicago White Sox	San Francisco at St. Louis
Cincinnati at Arizona	Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers

Saturday's games

Minnesota (Correia 2-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 1-1)	Kansas City (Udecided) at Toronto (Riz 4-3)
Baltimore (Tillman 4-4) at Houston (De La Rosa 0-6)	Tampa Bay (Doriz 2-4) at Boston (De La Rosa 0-6)
Milwaukee (Smyly 2-3) at Oakland (Morse 3-6)	L.A. Angels (Campy 2-4) at Seattle (Cramer 4-2)
Texas (Spech 2-0) at Washington (Fister 2-1)	Texas (Ross 5-4) at Chicago White Sox (Rienzo 4-1)
San Francisco (McAin 1-3) at St. Louis (Wacha 3-2)	Colorado (Moraes 3-4) at Cleveland (Bauer 2-1)

N.Y. Mets (deGrom 0-2) at Philadelphia (Hamels 4-3)	Atlanta (Estrada 2-4) at Miami (Ja Turner 1-2)
Los Angeles (Hammel 5-3) at Milwaukee (Werper 4-4)	Arizona (Curtis 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 5-2)
San Francisco (Cueto 4-4) at Arizona (McCarthy 1-6)	Minnesota (Pluggins 5-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Whitney 0-6)
Kansas City (Guthrie 2-4) at Toronto (Buehrle 9-0)	Colorado (Bedard 2-3) at Boston (Lester 5-6)
Washington (Wheisen 5-2) at Houston (Feldman 3-2)	Los Angeles (Weaver 6-3) at Oakland (Scherer 6-1)
Seattle (Scherer 6-1) at Seattle (Elias 3-3)	Colorado (Chacin 0-4) at Cleveland (Hirano 4-4)
Atlanta (Harang 4-4) at Miami (Wolf 0-1)	N.Y. Mets (Niese 3-3) at Philadelphia (Hammels 1-3)
Los Angeles (Darvish 4-2) at Washington (Roark 3-3)	Chicago (Samardzija 1-4) at Milwaukee (Lohse 6-1)
San Francisco (Hudson 5-2) at St. Louis (Lynn 6-2)	Cincinnati (Simon 6-3) at Arizona (Miley 3-2)
Pittsburgh (Votto 2-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 9-1)	



WINSLOW TOWNSEND/AP

Boston's Xander Bogaerts, right, is congratulated by teammate A.J. Pierzynski, center, after his game-winning single during the ninth inning of Thursday's game against Atlanta at Fenway Park in Boston.

Thursday
Rangers 5, Twins 4

	W	L	Pct	GB
Choo dh	4	0	2	3
Sandberg ss	5	0	1	0
Morfin dh	5	0	1	0
Abel Jr. dh	5	0	1	0
Rios rf	5	0	1	0
Choice lf	4	1	0	1
Bjornson lf	0	0	0	0
LMartin cf	3	3	0	2
Chiries c	1	1	0	0
Ordor 2b	3	0	0	1
Totals	37	512	5	

DP—Texas 1, LOB—Texas 9, Minnesota 10.
2B—Choo (9), LMartin (2), Ploof (1).
3B—Arcia (3), HR—Willingham (1), SD—D'Santana (1), S—Chirinos, SF—Ordor.

	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Martinez	5%	9	4	4
Odando W-2	1%	1	0	0
Frasar R-8	1%	1	0	0
Cotts K-7	1%	1	0	0
Soria S-11	1%	1	0	0

Minnesota 5%, 9 4 4 1 2
HBP—by Duensing (Choo). WP—N.Martinez. T—3-24, A—28,170 (38,282).

Royals 8, Blue Jays 6 (10)

	W	L	Pct	GB
Aoki rf	3	1	0	0
Infinite 2b	0	2	0	0
Hosmer 1b	6	1	0	0
Bjornson dh	6	0	0	0
Wardoff lf	0	2	0	0
Dyson pr-1b	0	1	0	0
S.Perez c	1	1	0	0
LCrain cf	4	0	0	0
AEscobar ss	5	2	1	0
Ciriaco 3b	4	2	1	0

Totals 43 814 7 Totals 37 6 9
G10 130 201 200 202 000 0—6

E—Reyes (5), DP—Toronto 1, LOB—Kansas City 11, Toronto 1, 2B—Hosmer (19), A.Gordon (14), L.Crain (6), Ciriaco (10), S.Perez (5), Bateria (13), Encarnacion 2 (18), SB—Dyson (10), A.Escobar (15)—Aoki.

	W	L	Pct	GB
Shields	7	8	6	6
Wheeler	0	2	0	0
G.Halladay J-16	1	1	0	0
Toronto	5	10	5	1
Delahay	1	0	0	0
Edmonson H-2	1	0	0	0
Lough R-19	1%	0	0	0
Janssen S-19	1	2	2	2
Redmond L-0-4	1	2	2	2

Dickey pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. HBP—by Delahay (Aoki), 2B—Redmond (Ciriaco), by Rasmussen (S.Perez), WP—Rasmussen. T—3:26, A—17,978 (49,282).

Giants 6, Cardinals 5

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pagan cf	4	1	1	0
Wong 2b	4	0	0	0
Sandberg 3b	3	2	1	0
Reno rf	4	0	0	0
Morse 1b	4	0	0	0
SBorch c	4	0	0	0
B.Hicks 2b	3	1	0	0
Blanco lf	4	1	1	0
Ylvisq dh	0	0	0	0
Looney p	0	0	0	0
Covich 1b	0	0	0	0
Mach p	0	0	0	0
Arias ph-1b	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	6	5	0

San Francisco 020 000 030—6
St. Louis 010 001 001—5
E—B.Crawford (6), Bourjos (2), DP—San Francisco 2, LOB—San Francisco 3, St. Louis 6, 2B—Morse (11), Craig (6), JR—Sandow (8), Morse (11), Craig (6), SB—Blanco (6), MCarpenter (2), Wong (6), S—B.Crawford, LGarcia, MEllis.

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	6%	7	4	4
Vogelsong	1%	0	0	0
RJopez W-1-0	1%	0	0	0
Black H-3	1%	0	0	0
Romo S-17-19	1	2	1	1

St. Louis 7 5 3 3 0 7
C.Martinez LB-385-55, 2 3 3 1 0
P.Alvarez (10), SB—D.Gordon (2), S.Freeman 1 0 0 0 1 1
T—3:08, A—41,337 (45,399).

Pirates 6, Dodgers 3

	W	L	Pct	GB
J.Herr rf	5	1	2	0
Ellenby p	0	0	0	0
GNWalker 2b	5	1	2	0
McCutch cf	4	0	0	0
LDavis 1b	5	0	0	0
GSchwarz 3b	4	1	1	0
RMartin c	3	1	1	0
Phelps 2b	4	1	1	0
SMarte lf	3	0	0	0
Barnes ss	2	3	0	0
Cole p	1	0	0	0
Watson p	0	0	0	0
Under ph-1b	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	12	6	0

Pittsburgh 010 011 000—6
Los Angeles 110 001 001—7
E—H.Ramirez (8), DP—Pittsburgh 1, Los Angeles 2, LOB—Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 10, 2B—G.Sanchez (8), Pulp (2), J.Turner (7), 3B—Eller (2), HR—RMartin (3), P.Alvarez (10), SB—D.Gordon (2), H.Ramirez (4), CS—N.Walker (1), S.Marte 4-3, Cole 2, Federwicz.

	W	L	Pct	GB
Waller 1b	6	5	3	3
Watson R-12	6%	0	0	0
McLendon H-3	1%	0	0	0
Griff S-6-9	1	1	0	0
Los Angeles	6	8	3	3
League L-1-2	1%	0	0	0
CPerez 1	1	0	0	0
Wright 1	1	0	0	0

HBP—by CPerez (Snider), T—2:58, A—39,643 (56,000).

Mets 4, Phillies 1

	W	L	Pct	GB
Lagars cf	5	0	2	0
Dmtry 2b	3	0	0	0
DWright 3b	5	0	1	0
Griff rf	2	1	0	0
Dunne lf	4	1	2	0
CYarnoff lf	4	1	2	0
Furres ss	4	0	1	0
Diomedes c	4	0	0	0
Wheeler p	3	1	0	0
Rice p	0	0	0	0
Black p	0	0	0	0
Bareu ph	0	0	0	0
Mejia p	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	4	8	0

Philadelphia 010 010 000—4
E—C.Nervando (2), DP—Philadelphia 2, LOB—New York 8, Philadelphia 3, 2B—Lagars (11), Ruiz (11), HR—C.Yarnoff (4), Byrd (7), SB—Revere (4).

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	6%	4	1	0
Wheeler W-2-5	6%	4	1	0
Rice H-6	1%	0	0	0
Black H-1	1%	0	0	0
Mejia S-1-0	1	0	0	0

Philadelphia 7 4 4 3 2 2
Buchanan L-1-1 7 4 3 2 2
Hollands 1 0 0 0 0 1
De Fratus 1 1 0 0 0 0
Bastardo 1 0 0 0 0 1
T—2:55, A—26,668 (43,651).

Angels 7, Mariners 5

	W	L	Pct	GB
Calhoun rf	4	2	0	0
AYabari ss	5	1	3	0
Freese 3b	5	0	1	0
Congell pr-1b	0	0	0	0
Hendrix 2b	5	0	0	0
Ibanez dh	5	0	0	0
MacIn p	3	2	0	0
Conger c	3	0	0	0
Green lf	4	1	1	0
Totals	40	7	7	0

Los Angeles 100 001 001—7
Seattle 000 201 002—5
E—Seager (7), B.Miller (9), DP—Seattle 2, LOB—Los Angeles 12, Seattle 2, 2B—Cahoon (5), Cron (6), J.Iones (5), Salm (2), HR—Aybar (4), SB—M.Saunders (3), Seager (7), SB—Aybar (4), SF—Trout, M.Saunders.

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	5%	4	3	3
Shoemaker W-3-1	5%	4	3	3
Moore H-3	1%	0	0	0
Morin H-1	1%	0	0	0
J.Fisher H-7	1%	0	0	0
Farraday	1%	0	0	0
Smith S-8-10	1	2	2	2
Seattle	4	6	5	4
Leon L-1-4	2	4	1	0
Seane	2	4	1	0
Belmi	2	2	0	0
Wheeler	1%	0	0	0

HBP—Shoemaker, Maurer. T—3:08, A—11,657 (47,476).

Tigers 5, Athletics 4

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	5	2	2	1	Crisp cf	4	0	2	
D.Kelly rf	4	1	2	0	Jaso c	3	0	2	
McCarb 1b	3	1	1	2	DNorris ph-c2	0	0	0	
VMrtinz dh	4	0	2	2	Dnlds 3b	4	1	1	
JMrtzn lf	4	0	1	0	Moss lf	3	0	0	
Arjcks cf	4	0	0	0	Cessps dh	5	1	1	
Avila c	4	0	0	0	Callasp 1b	4	1	1	
Cstlins 3b	4	0	2	0	Reddck rf	4	0	1	
AnRmn ss	4	1	1	0	Punto ss	2	1	1	
					Sogard 2b	3	0	0	

Totals 36 511 5 Totals 35 4 4
Detroit 001 020 200—5
Oakland 000 002 4—4

DP—Detroit 1, Oakland 1, LOB—Detroit 7, Oakland 2B—Kinsler (19), M.Martinez (13), Donaldson (12), Reddick (3), HR—Porto (1), SF—M.Cabrera.

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	5%	5	2	2
Porcello W-2-2	5%	5	2	2
Alburquerque H-8	1	0	0	0
Chamberlain H-11	1	0	0	0
Nathan S-13-17	1	3	2	1

Oakland L-4-3 6 8 3 3 2 3
JJohnson 1 3 2 2 0 0
Abad 1 3 2 2 0 0
Fe.Dorazio 1 0 0 0 0 1
HBP—by Porcello (Sogor), T—3:28, A-1,860 (35,067).

Diamondbacks 4, Reds 0

Cincinnati				Arizona					
	ab	r	h	b		ab	r	h	b
BHmtn cf	3	0	1	0	Pollock cf	4	2	2	0
Frazier 3b	3	0	0	0	Owings ss	4	0	1	0
Phillips 2b	3	0	0	0	Gidsch 1b	3	0	0	0
Bruce rf	3	0	0	0	Prado 3b	4	1	2	0
Mesoric c	3	0	0	0	Hill 2b	4	1	3	0
Ludwick lf	3	0	0	0	C.Ross lf	3	0	1	0
B.Pena 1b	3	0	2	0	Incarr lf	1	0	1	0
Cozart ss	3	0	0	0	GParra lf	3	0	0	0
Cingm p	2	0	0	0	Gswsch c	3	0	0	0
Hoover p	0	0	0	0	Clmntpr p	4	0	0	0

MLB

AL roundup

Cabrera's sacrifice fly lifts Tigers past A's

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, California — Miguel Cabrera hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the fifth to back Rick Porcello's eighth victory, helping the Detroit Tigers beat the Oakland Athletics 5-4 on Thursday for a split of the four-game series between division leaders.

Porcello (8-2) overcame a career-high six walks, three shy of his season total coming into Thursday's start. Joe Nathan earned his 13th save after allowing Josh Donaldson's leadoff double, an RBI infield single by Yoenis Cespedes and Josh Reddick's run-scoring double.

It was Nathan's first outing since he surrendered Donaldson's game-ending three-run homer in Wednesday's 3-1 loss for his fourth blown save.

Victor Martinez doubled home two runs in the seventh and Cabrera also had an RBI groundout for the Tigers, who head to Seattle for the weekend before returning home.

Nick Punto hit a two-run homer in the fourth for Oakland, which wasted chances all game to lose for only the seventh time in 20 games. Jesse Chavez (4-3) lost consecutive starts for the first time this season following a two-game winning streak.

Royals 8, Blue Jays 6 (10): Omar Infante hit a two-run single in the 10th inning and visiting Kansas City overcame two home runs by Edwin Encarnacion to end Toronto's winning streak at nine games.

Encarnacion matched a major league record with his fifth multihomer game in a month. Albert Belle did it in September 1995 and Harmon Killebrew did it in May 1959.

The blasts were Encarnacion's 15th and 16th in May, breaking Jose Bautista's team record for homers in a month.

Rangers 5, Twins 4: Leonys Martin doubled twice and scored three times, including the go-ahead run in the eighth inning, as Texas won its second straight four-game series on the road.

Alexi Ogando (2-2) got four outs for the victory, and Joaquin Soria retired the last two batters for his 10th save. Soria saved



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

The Tigers' Miguel Cabrera follows through on a single against the Athletics during the seventh inning Thursday in Oakland, Calif.

the last two games of the series after he had his first blown chance of the season in Tuesday's 4-3 loss.

Angels 7, Mariners 5: Erick Aybar hit a three-run homer and Matt Shoemaker pitched effectively into the sixth inning as visiting Los Angeles beat Seattle.

Recalled from Triple-A Salt Lake on Wednesday, Shoemaker (3-1) set down the side in order four times in 5½ innings. He allowed three runs on four hits, equaled a

career-high six strikeouts and did not walk a batter for the first time in five career starts.

Houston 3, Baltimore 1: George Springer hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the seventh inning, and Houston extended its winning streak to six with a victory over visiting Baltimore.

Springer's shot to left off Preston Guilmet (0-1) extended the rookie's hitting streak to 11 games and was his seventh homer in his last seven games.

Interleague

Red Sox 4, Braves 3: Tommy La Stella's failure to catch a force attempt at second base allowed Jackie Bradley Jr. to score from second with none out in the ninth inning, giving host Boston its fourth straight win after a 10-game skid.

The Red Sox took advantage of two more Atlanta errors to score twice in the eighth to tie it 3-all and set up closer Koji Uehara (1-1) for the win.

NL roundup

Giants edge Cardinals

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Michael Morse homered and drove in three runs, lifting the San Francisco Giants to a 6-5 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday night in the opener of a four-game series.

The Giants have won seven of eight and the Cardinals have dropped three of four to start a nine-game home stand.

Pablo Sandoval homered and scored twice. Gregor Blanco scored from second on Angel Pagan's single to center off Carlos Martinez (0-3) to tie the score at 4-all in the eighth. Pagan moved to second on Peter Bourjos' throwing error. After Sandoval was intentionally walked, Morse doubled to deep center to drive in Pagan and Sandoval for a 6-4 lead.

Mets 4, Phillies 1: Chris Young hit a two-run homer and Zack Wheeler struck out nine in 6½ innings to lead New York over Philadelphia in the opener of a rare five-game series.

The Mets, who opened an 11-game road

trip, matched a season best with their third straight victory while beating the Phillies for the sixth straight time at Citizens Bank Park.

Diamondbacks 4, Reds 0: Josh Collmenter faced the minimum in a three-hit-ter and Aaron Hill homered and had two RBIs as host Arizona beat light-hitting Cincinnati.

Collmenter (4-2) breezed through his first career complete game, joining Randy Johnson as the only Arizona pitcher to face the minimum 27 batters in a nine-inning game. Johnson did it during his perfect game against Atlanta in 2004.

Pirates 6, Dodgers 3: Josh Harrison's second RBI single triggered a three-run seventh inning, and Russell Martin and Pedro Alvarez homered as Pittsburgh won for only the third time in its last 20 games at Chavez Ravine.

Former UCLA star Gerrit Cole (5-3) allowed three runs and six hits over 6½ innings in his first career appearance at Dodger Stadium.



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

San Francisco's Pablo Sandoval, right, scores on a two-run double by Michael Morse as Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina looks for the throw during the eighth inning of Thursday's game in St. Louis.

NHL PLAYOFFS

Moore's goal the difference

Fourth-line center pays team back

By MARK HERRMANN
Newsday

With a grin on his face and the New York Rangers' prized Broadway hat on his head, Dominic Moore kept saying what was in his heart. He repeatedly spoke of owing a debt to his teammates for helping him get through a season that was unimaginably hard. It is safe to say that he has more than made it up to them.

The Rangers have received more than they could have possibly expected from Moore, who sat out all of last season after the death of his wife, Katie, from a rare form of liver cancer. They got someone who stabilized the fourth line, someone who had the nerve to play well when they needed it most. And Thursday night, they got someone to score the only goal in Game 6 and send them to the Stanley Cup finals.

"Looking back, the early part of the season was definitely not easy for me," said the center, who



New York Rangers center Brian Boyle, back, congratulates center Dominic Moore after Moore scored the only goal of the game in Thursday's series-clinching victory over Montreal.

made his way to the slot, took a perfect feed from Brian Boyle and fired the only shot that beat goalie Dustin Tokarski, at 18:07 of the second period. "Taking that much time off, you know it's going to be hard. But I owe a lot to them, and to be in this position with my teammates, being able to play for the Cup, is a great feeling."

If Moore, a free agent last summer, wanted to return to familiar

ground, he had plenty of choices. He had played on nine teams. But he really wanted the Rangers, his first team. This truly was home, ever since his first practice in 2003, when he made a big hit that sent a veteran sprawling.

The veteran was Mark Messier. Fortunately for Moore, he took it in stride, admiring a kid trying to make his way.

"I started my career here and

it's always been a special place for me," Moore said Thursday night. "I really enjoyed my time here and obviously Hank is a good friend."

It was no shock to the Rangers that it was Moore who delivered. "He's not afraid of big moments," Marc Staal said, "and every time we've had a big game, he has stepped up with a great performance."

Scoreboard

Conference finals

(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. Rangers 4, Montreal 2

N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 2

Montreal 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT

Montreal 1, N.Y. Rangers 4

Thursday: N.Y. Rangers 1, Montreal 0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Los Angeles 3, Chicago 2

Chicago 3, Los Angeles 2

Los Angeles 6, Chicago 2

Los Angeles 4, Chicago 2

Chicago 5, Los Angeles 2

Chicago 5, Los Angeles 4, 2OT

Friday: at Los Angeles

x-Sunday: at Chicago

Thursday

Rangers 1, Canadiens 0

Montreal 0 0 0-0

N.Y. Rangers 0 1 0-1

Second Period—1, N.Y. Rangers

D.Moore 3 (Boyle, McDonagh), 18:07

Shots on Goal—Montreal 5-6-5-18

N.Y. Rangers 11-8-13-32

Power-play opportunities—Montreal

0 of 2; N.Y. Rangers 0 of 4

Goals—Montreal, Tokarski 2-3-0 (32

shots; 31 saves); N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist

12-7-0 (18-18)

A—18,006 (18,006), T—2:29.

Playoff scoring leaders

Through May 29

ANZE KOPITAR, LA 19 5 18 23

JEFF CARTER, LA 19 8 13 21

MARIAN GABORIK, LA 19 11 7 18

JONATHAN TOEWS, CHI 17 9 7 15

PATRICK KANE, CHI 17 6 9 15

JUSTIN WILLIAMS, LA 19 6 9 15

SVEN GATTI, MIN 12 4 11 15

EVGENI MALKIN, PIT 13 6 8 14

SUBBANK, MIN 12 4 11 15

CHAD PARISE, MIN 13 4 10 14

DREW DOUGHTY, LA 17 2 11 14

MARIAN Hossa, CHI 17 2 12 14

5 tied with 13 pts.

Calendar

May 25-31—NHL combine, Toronto.

June 18—Last possible day for Stanley Cup draft.

June 25—NHL awards, Las Vegas.

July 1—NHL draft, Philadelphia.

July 1—Free agency begins.

July 1—Deadline for player-elected salary arbitration notification.

July 6—Deadline for club-elected salary arbitration notification.

July 20-Aug. 6—Salary arbitration hearings.

Aug. 8—Deadline for salary arbitration decisions.

Show: Rangers' Lundqvist rebounds from disastrous Game 5

FROM BACK PAGE

The Rangers had a 3-1 series lead before falling 7-4 in Game 5 when Lundqvist was pulled after allowing four goals in less than two periods.

Although New York knew it had two chances to eliminate the Canadiens, the team's focus was on Game 6. Another trip back to Montreal was a dreaded experience the Rangers fought to avoid.

"It's unbelievable right now," defenseman Ryan McDonagh said. "It's a great feeling knowing that you get the opportunity. We'll enjoy what we accomplished here, but we know what we are trying to get done."

"Our group isn't finished yet. We don't want this to end. We want to continue the journey."

Lundqvist wasn't overly busy in stopping all 18 shots he faced, but there was no margin for error as Dominic Moore's second-period goal was the only offense in the clincher.

"We played so well the entire game," Lundqvist said. "For me it was more about just being focused on the shots they had."

Lundqvist quickly grew tired of the questions about his poor night on Tuesday. Now he is in the finals for the first time in his nine-year career.

"It's been tough," Lundqvist said. "You have so many highs. You have a few lows where you're questioning a lot of things, but then you just have to make up your mind, you can't have any excuses. I don't think I've been more determined to win a hockey game. To put ourselves in a spot



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

The New York Rangers celebrate Thursday after beating the Montreal Canadiens 1-0 in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals in New York.

where we can play for the Cup is extremely special."

Lundqvist leaped several times in his crease with his hands raised as streamers were fired off from the rafters at the end.

"It was just such a great feeling to see how we responded from the last game," Lundqvist said. "The third period, I think

we played our best period of the playoffs. When it mattered the most, the guys really stepped up."

Lundqvist tied the team record for playoff shutouts with nine.

The Rangers are the first team to advance to the finals after being stretched to seven games in the first two rounds.

They don't have a captain now, so assistants Brad Richards, Dan Girardi and Marc Staal were called to accept the Prince of Wales Trophy, but didn't touch it. The whole team joined them and posed for a photo while Madison Square Garden rocked with yells of "We want the Cup!"

The Stanley Cup finals will begin Wednesday at either Chicago or Los Angeles, which leads the Western finals 3-2.

"It's something you feel good (about), but you have to keep in the back of your mind that this isn't the ultimate goal," Richards said.

Montreal's Dustin Tokarski, who replaced injured No. 1 goalie Carey Price after Game 1, was solid in making 31 saves.

"It's pretty tough to have this opportunity to be a couple wins away from the Stanley Cup finals," Tokarski said. "I know it's going to be hard to come by again, but it was a heck of a series."

Montreal made one final push after Tokarski was pulled for an extra skater with 1:53 left. Lundqvist held off the Canadiens as fans chanted "Hen-rik! Hen-rik!"

The Rangers broke the deadlock late in the second after some good grinding work in the left corner by rugged forward Derek Dorsett. The puck came free to McDonagh, who sent it behind the net to Brian Boyle in the right corner. Boyle spotted Moore alone in the crease and fed a crisp pass for a hard shot that got through Tokarski with 1:53 left.

Moore punctuated his third goal of the playoffs with a fist pump and yell.

NBA PLAYOFFS



ERIC GAY/AP

The Spurs' Manu Ginobili, left, shoots over Oklahoma City's Caron Butler on Thursday during the second half of Game 5 of the Western Conference finals in San Antonio. The Spurs won 117-89.

Spurs blow out OKC in Game 5

Thunder on brink of elimination

BY RAUL DOMINGUEZ
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich stared blankly at a reporter, dumbfounded as he often is when dealing the media.

Is there any way to explain the Jekyll-and-Hyde nature of the Western Conference finals, where the home team has won each game in a blowout?

"You're serious?" Popovich said. "You really think I can explain that? Good Lord. And they pay you, don't they?"

Tim Duncan had 22 points and 12 rebounds, Manu Ginobili scored 19 points and San Antonio rolled to a 117-89 victory over Oklahoma City in Game 5 Thursday night, taking a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series to put the Thunder on the brink of elimination.

The latest lopsided loss in the West finals came two days after the Thunder used their superior athleticism to fluster the veteran Spurs in Oklahoma City in Game 4.

"We've just got to worry about the next game," Kevin Durant

said. "We're guaranteed 48 more minutes. It's been an up-and-down series, but we've got to find a way to win it in Game 6. If we want to get to where we want to get to, we've got to win in San Antonio, but we've got to get to the next game."

The series resumes Saturday in Oklahoma City.

Durant scored 25 points, but Russell Westbrook had only 21 points and seven assists after finishing with 40 points and 10 assists in Game 4.

"Nothing," changed defensively, Westbrook said. Yet, he was unable to charge the lane as effectively as he did while putting up 24 shots and reaching the free throw line 14 times on Tuesday.

He shot 6-for-12 from the field and 7-for-9 on free throws while again being guarded primarily by 6-foot-8 forward Kawhi Leonard.

"I think I did OK," Leonard said. "We all did well as a group defensively, by just keeping a hand up and forcing difficult shots for everyone."

That added aggression was key to winning, Popovich said before Game 5, and his team responded.

Scoreboard

Conference finals

(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Game 5, Indiana 2
Indiana 107, Miami 96
Miami 87, Indiana 83
Miami 99, Indiana 87
Miami 102, Indiana 90
Wednesday: Indiana 93, Miami 90
Friday: at Miami
x-Sunday: at Indiana
WESTERN CONFERENCE
San Antonio 3, Oklahoma City 2
San Antonio 122, Oklahoma City 105
San Antonio 112, Oklahoma City 77
Oklahoma City 106, San Antonio 97
Oklahoma City 105, San Antonio 92
Thursday: San Antonio 117, Oklahoma City 89
Saturday: at Oklahoma City
x-Monday: at San Antonio

NBA Finals

Thursday, June 5: Eastern champion at San Antonio or Oklahoma City
Sunday, June 8: Eastern champion at San Antonio or Oklahoma City
Tuesday, June 10: Western champion at Indiana or Miami
Thursday, June 12: Western champion at Indiana or Miami
x-Sunday, June 15: Eastern champion at San Antonio or Oklahoma City
x-Tuesday, June 17: Western champion at Indiana or Miami
Friday, June 20: Eastern champion at San Antonio or Oklahoma City

Thursday

Spurs 117, Thunder 89

OKLAHOMA CITY — Durant 11-21 1-4 25, Ibaka 3-10 0-0 8, Perkins 0-0 0-0 0, Westbrook 6-12 2-9 21, Jackson 1-0 0-0 11, Adams 3-4 0-0 6, Collison 1-1 3-4 5, Fisher 2-5 0-0 5, Butler 2-3 1-3 1, Lamb 2-0 0-0 4, Jones 1-6 0-0 2, Sefolosha 1-2 0-0 2, total 55-30-88

SAN ANTONIO — Leonard 4-7 5-5 14, Duncan 8-17 2-2 20, Parker 6-13 0-12, Green 4-9 2-2 14, Gilchrist 0-9 1-9 19, Diaw 0-7 4-7 13, Splitter 0-0 6-8 6, Mills 3-5 0-0 9, Joseph 1-2 5-2 4, Bellinelli 1-5 0-0 2, Baynes 0-0 0-0 0, Ayres 1-2 0-0 2, total 89-76-30-77

OKLAHOMA CITY 32 23 19 15-89
San Antonio 31 19 23-117
Three-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 6-24 (Westbrook 2-6, Durant 2-6, Jackson 1-2, Fisher 1-2, Adams 1-2, Butler 0-2, Jones 0-3), San Antonio 13-26 (Green 4-8, Ginobili 3-5, Mills 2-5, Royce 1-2, Leonard 1-2, Parker 0-1, Bonner 0-2, Bellinelli 0-2, Foulkes 0-2, Aspinwall 0-1, Ayres 0-1) (Westbrook 7), San Antonio 23 (Ginobili 6, Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 24, San Antonio 19, Technicals—Fisher, Ayres, A-18,511 (18,797).

Former Microsoft CEO to buy Clippers for \$2B

BY TAMI ABDOLLAH
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer has agreed to buy the Los Angeles Clippers for a record-breaking \$2 billion. Now it's up to others whether the deal goes through.

Shelly Sterling said in a statement issued late Thursday that she'd signed a binding contract for a sale of the Clippers by The Sterling Family Trust to Ballmer in what would be a record deal if approved by the NBA.

Ballmer "will be a terrific owner," Sterling said, "We have worked for 33 years to build the Clippers into a premier NBA franchise. I am confident that Steve will take the team to new levels of success."

Sterling negotiated the sale after her husband, Donald Sterling, made racist remarks that were made public. The remarks included Sterling telling girlfriend V. Stiviano not to bring blacks to Clippers games, specifically mentioning Hall of Famer Magic Johnson.

Shelly Sterling's statement noted that she made the deal "under her authority as the sole trustee of The Sterling Family Trust, which owns the Clippers." Donald Sterling's attorneys contend that he is a co-owner and



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

An individual with knowledge of negotiations to sell the Los Angeles Clippers said Shelly Sterling has reached an agreement to sell the team to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer, above, for \$2 billion.

therefore must give his assent for the deal to go through. They also say he won't be giving it.

"Sterling is not selling the team," said his attorney, Bobby Samini. "That's his position. He's not going to sell."

Ballmer beat out bids by Gug-

enheim Partners and a group including former NBA All-Star Grant Hill after presenting an "all-around superior bid," according to an individual with knowledge of the negotiations. The individual, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly, said Ballmer

Did you know



Franchise sale prices have soared since the current collective bargaining agreement was ratified in 2011. Most recently, the Milwaukee Bucks were sold in April for an NBA-record \$550 million.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

made one of an hour-long personal visit to Shelly Sterling's Malibu home Sunday and laid out his plan.

"He knocked their socks off, they bonded, had a good connection," the individual said. The amount was also the largest of the offers, and Ballmer was one potential buyer to deal with rather than numerous members of a group.

Ballmer said in a statement that he is honored to have his name submitted to the NBA for approval and thanked the league for working collaboratively with him throughout the process.

"I love basketball. And I intend to do everything in my power to ensure that the Clippers continue to win — and win big — in Los Angeles," Ballmer said. "LA is one of the world's great cities — a city that embraces inclusiveness, in exactly the same way that the NBA and I embrace inclusiveness."

On Thursday, Magic Johnson lauded the deal on his Twitter account: "Steve Ballmer owning the Clippers is a big win for the City of LA and all the people who live in the City of Angels!"

Though Donald Sterling's attorneys now say he won't agree to sell the team, a May 22 letter obtained by The Associated Press and written by another of Sterling's attorneys that says that "Donald T. Sterling is the sole owner of the team" and that he is "entering into negotiations with the National Basketball Association regarding all issues in connection with a sale of the Los Angeles Clippers team." It includes the line "read and approved" and Donald Sterling's signature.

Samini said Sterling has had a change of heart primarily because of "the conduct of the NBA."

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return to Cup finals

NHL PLAYOFFS

Did you know

This is the 11th time the Rangers have appeared in the Stanley Cup finals, but the first time since 1994.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

By IRA PODELL
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Henrik Lundqvist waited nine years for a night like this. For the New York Rangers franchise it was 20 years in the making.

When the final buzzer sounded Thursday night, the Broadway Blueshirts were in the Stanley Cup finals for the first time since captain Mark Messier was in charge.

Lundqvist and the Rangers shook off a rough loss in Montreal two nights earlier and shut down the Canadiens 1-0 to win Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals and move on to their first championship round appearance since taking the title in 1994.

"Enjoy the moment right now, but we are not done," forward Martin St. Louis said. "It's going to be fun. Take it all in, but leave it out there, as well."

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New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist celebrates as time expires Thursday during Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals against Montreal at Madison Square Garden in New York.

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